

Ready to start from Barrow. Fri Sept 22, 1939.

It has been nice morning early this morning and while we are ready to go, its start to blow from north east wind and soon do we ready, we start and we travel only eleven miles to Pt. Barrow, because to much swell sea. We put the camp and kind hard to find food to burn and my son cut one of our rollers for our boat to use it for fire wood. My children gather little coal from the beach, that which had been washed from some place. Its kind cold weather tonight. I use fat bag for my bowels tonight.

Sat. Sept 23. The wind let go little this morning and we start again at noon and we go around the point we had very big swell and we go into the lagoon and we had good going, and we got to Pt. Fairbanks about half ^{past} five in the afternoon. We put the camp. It kind very shallow for the boat here. We have good fire wood this time. The ocean is very rough and big breakers on the beach.

My chest kind pains little.

Sun. Sept 24. The north east wind is blowing hard. We had two services today. The ocean is very rough. My two sons watch the boat all night. Its good things, we are in good shelter for boat and we have good fire wood to burn.

Mon Sept 25. The east wind is blowing very hard. The ocean is very rough. We are staying at the same place. The water is very rough and my sons have to take the load of the boat. My two sons watch the boat all night.

Tue. Sept 26. The wind still blowing very hard. We are at the same place. The ocean is very rough by big swell.

Wed Sept 27. The wind stop blowing but the ocean is very big swell, so that we can not go again.

Mr Morris went past by out on big swell. No chance for me with open boat. Our dogs has no more food for them. We had a prayer meeting and I read the Bible this evening. I change my mind, not to go through the ocean, because its dangerous to travel. We are planning to go to the river, so we can catch some fish for me and our dogs. We did not have much grub now. No game hunting here on the arctic spit.

Thurs. Sept 28. The north wind sleut to blow again. Steve and Isaac start to go up to Tolimanik after fish nets with the dog teams, but they did not come home tonight. We had been wondering why they did not come home. Some of us wake all night to wait for them.

Fri Sept 29. The north wind is blowing hard. The ocean is very rough. Steve and Isaac came home at six o'clock this morning. They did not get to the house and they came home without the nets. We start to go up to the river and we had hard time to get away from here to shallow and some of my children had to moved over to other boat that which Steve has to lighten little our boat and finally we got off and start and we did not go very far, one rudder pin broke and my son Perry put another one on and little ways again one of the pins broke and we have turn back to where we started. When we put the camp. We found some spikes from the old house and Perry put them on for next use. My chest is not very good again and my wife rub it with liniment. It snows some this evening.

Sat Sept 30. South east wind is blowing. We start again and the weather getting little better. We met some slush on the water and we go through them. We saw some spotted seals on the young ice and we got to the river and the young ice form on some places and we tried to go through them but we can not go through, little to thick for our boat. The boys tried to broke the ice with their feet but can not. We turn back little ways and we put the camp. My sons put the fish net and they caught four fish in short time.

Sun Oct 1, 1939. It is no wind. We had a service this morning. There is mixed some young ice. After church Steve and two my sons tried to go through young ice, so we can go through with our boat but they came back and they said the ice form on the river. We have no dogs feed. My wife cook little corn meal and little blubber with it for our dogs. I read a Bible to my family tonight.

Mon Oct 2. South west wind is blowing hard and snowing much.
We moved over across the creek and after we put the
camp. We hauled up our boat. No more boating.
We are planning to go to the people. Our first net caught only
two fish.

Tue. Oct 3. South west wind is blowing.
Steve and Isaac start to go to the people to get the sled.
We saw six reindeer chase by wolf. Perry went after wolf
but he did not get it.

Wed Oct 4. South west wind is blowing and snowing.
Steve and Isaac came back this morning and Steve and his
family start to go up to the people. My sons hauled
up the boat and we are get ready to go with the dogs teams.

Thurs Oct 5. South west wind is blowing and snowing.
There is much soft deep snow and some water under it.
We go to today. It kind hard going. Herman Rufford
my son in law met us with the dogs teams and we
were very glad to see him. We got to the people and the
people welcome us kindly and give us treat. I am very
tired, I never walk that long for long time.

Fri Oct 6. The north wind is blowing and snowing some.
Herman, Perry and Isaac start to go up to Chipi river for
fishing, so we can have some fish to travel with, when
we go east ward. Our net caught 21 fish today.
Eddie Edwardson came from the herd. My bowels pain
today.

Sat. Oct 7. The north wind is blowing and snowing.
My bowels don't feel good again. Isaac and Mildred
came today and brought some big fish from Chipi river.
My net caught nineteen fish. My wife scraping
the deerskin for parkie. I study my lesson for tomorrow.

Sun. Oct 8. The north wind is blowing and snowing some.
We had a morning service at Thomas Brown's house. The
text was 1 Peter 4 Chapter and we had evening service and the
text was 1 Thess 5 Chapter.

Mon Oct 9. It kind good weather. Isaac and Thomas went after some own stuff down at own boat. They did not come home tonight. We keep the lantern burn all night. Our net caught 39 fish.

Tue. Oct 10. South west wind is blowing. Isaac and Thomas came home this morning. Isaac show the wolf but did not get it yesterday. Peter Shooklook and his family came and visite us today. I let him to make a map of Tasippuk, to which we will go through to cut shorter track. Our net caught 16 fish this morning.

Wed Oct 11. Isaac start for Chipe river to the boys that are fishing. I take Castor oil to move my bowels. Our nets caught 26 fish.

Thur Oct 12. Its kind snowing. Our fish net caught 20 fish. I took another castor oil to clean my bowels. I have new nets made today. My wife making new parkies for our children before we go.

Fri Oct 13. The north wind is blowing, but good weather. Our nets caught 20 fish. Jona Kavit came from fishing place. My wife scapping the deerskin for parkie.

Sat Oct 14. It is good weather. Jona and Mrs Thomas Brower start to the fishing place. My wife making another parkie. Thomas my son sleeping bag for him. Our net caught only 15 fish.

Sun. Oct 15. Its clear this morning but it get fog this noon. We had two services at Thomas Brower's house. Peter Shooklook and his family came to church and they went home this evening.

Mon Oct 16. It is clear this morning and get fog this afternoon. Our net caught 34 fish. My wife finish another parkie for me. Roy my son scapping a deerskin for his parkie. It kind cold weather.

Tue Oct 17. The north wind is blowing hard. Andrew Ogema came from Colville river. My boys came home from fishing place. My wife are making new parkies for Roy and Le Finestok.

Wed Oct 18. It is bad weather from north east. Herman and Thomas went down the coast after wood. Perry and Isaac start to make a new sled for travel. Audegal Steve came home.

Thur. Oct 19. The north east wind is blowing and snowing. Herman and Thomas came home this morning. Perry making a sled. Herman start making sled too. Tommy and Bobbie and others boys came home today.

Fri. Oct 20. Andrew Ogema and Thomas my son start for eastward today. Perry making a sled. Our net caught some fish.

Sat Oct 21. Tommy and other boy start to cut ice for corral. Perry help them. Tommy's herd came home.

Sun. Oct 22. We had two services today. Herman and Eddie start to look for lost deer.

Mon Oct 23. South west wind is blowing and snowing come.

We start to go eastward to Colville river this afternoon.

We did not go very far today. It is deep snow. My little children walk on deep snow. We are very slow and my two sons Perry and Isaac help pulling the sleds along. We use two sleds. I got little grub from little trading post and we take some big fish. We put the camp and we are very tired. The snow about a foot deep.

Tue. Oct 24. It is very fine weather. We start early this morning. We had another deep snow. We travel about 10 hours. We put the camp at the river close to Tasikpuk big lake. My children were very tired, specially those 6 year old and 7 year old kids. I had hardest travel ever I had since my boy hood.

Wed Oct 25. Its good weather. We start again early and we
got to Takikpuk big lake and we had good going on the ice
and we got to the herders and we ate there and start again
and we left some our stuff to lighten our sled and we put the
camp. It is very cold night. My children had only frozen
fish to eat tonight and they go to sleep right away.
We had only gasoline stove to warm our tent.

Thurs Oct 26. South west wind blowing again. We start again
and we got to the people again. They welcome us very good.
We go up to the house and we put the camp there.
Our clothes are very wet. Abel Sakigak gave us some fish
for our dog. George Leavett and elder gave us two deer meat for
our dog too. Our female dog has a puppies tonight.

Fri Oct 27. It is snowing all day, but clear up tonight.
The moon had a eclipse. The men are working at the
corral. Charlie Akiviana went down to get our stuff that
which we left at the night before.
My two sons help to make corral, so they might get some
meat for next travel.

Sat. Oct 28. It is nice weather. The men are not working
My two sons put two fish nets on the lake so we can have
some food, when we start again. Noah Ilta killed four wolves
today.

Sund. Oct 29. We went down to other people to have church.
We had two services. I preach to the people. It is kind snowing.
The snow getting bigger now.

Mon. ^{Oct 30} It is cloudy and snowing. The men are working at the
corral. My three sons help them to earn some meat for
travel; because we have no dogs feed and no grub for us too.

Mon. Oct 31. The north wind is blowing hard and snowing today.
The men are working at the corral and they finish it for counting
the deer. Three boys went after the deer to be butchering
the deer for food tomorrow, if the weather is good.

Wed Nov 1, 1939. It is a nice day today. The men are butchering the deer for sale and good food. It is very cold weather.

Thurs Nov 2. It is a nice day today and the men are butchering the deer again and they divided the meat among themselves. They gave us too.

Fri Nov 3. It is a good day. The men put the deer in the corral and count the deer. Those deer are over one thousands deer. They finish this evening.

Sat. Nov 4. The north wind is start to blow. We start for east with other two men. We are very slow and are got to the legoos and we put the camp to where plenty of food, but very cold tonight. We have to put some calico and deer skins around our tent to make it warm, but plenty frost in our tent.

Sun Nov 5. The north wind is blowing hard. We can not stay here and after we had a prayer, we go so we can make to the people next day. It is very cold and my children can not stand the cold and we put the camp again. The snow drifting to much this evening. We had a prayer again tonight.

Mon Nov 6. The north wind is blowing. We start again and in toward the afternoon. The weather getting better and after we had lunch, we saw the people and we got to them this evening. They welcome very kindly and our dogs have good feed tonight and we have only one day to travel. We are on the rock now.

I let the people get together and we had a service and
I read the Bible to them and they were very happy.

Fri. Nov 7. It is a nice day. Not so cold.
We start again from these people and we got to
other people that where we will stay for the
winter. I found out the people are not together.
I have to travel to see all those people.
We are very tired. We are thanking our God, He
makes no good traveling as we came along.

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Colville river Alaska
Mar 21, 1940

see letter
attached sent to
Barrow Alaska

Dear Sir: I am writing a letter to you once
again to let you know how we are getting along here
this winter. Excuse me for I use all pencil to
write to you, because I have no ink here with me.
I find these people here are not together, some of them
are few miles apart. The people living at the river and
some on the coast. I do little travel here to see those
people and preach to them. Only things is kind hard for
the people to live for they have short of food. We had it too.
My family had hard time too, not much to eat.
There are not many fish run than they use to do.
But we trust in God that take care of us.
Sometimes my children have to have breakfast or supper
just half of small fish a piece, that not enough for a
child. We have short of every things. We have no
light in the house, but the day longer now, so we don't
need light pretty soon. Sometimes when we have church
we use Eskimo lamp to have light and the girl sit along
side the lamp to make burn better and I have to sit
close to the lamp so that I can see better. But still,
I like my work for the people to win them for Christ.
I made a trip to Beechey Pt on the coast two times and
the last time I went up with only two dogs and I walk
to much and my knee swollen up and I can not walk
for long time. I have to hire little a boy to take me
home and I got home, I found my family did not have any
food, except few fish and I brought little grub for them
from the stores. I have to stop every people to preach to
them from the Bible. I am enjoy to see all these
people. I did not go way east yet as I want too, because
we had hard time. We have no dogs to travel with long
distance. We Eskimo people use only dogs in winter and use
the boat in summer. I have to travel over 200 miles east
(with)

to see all people. Most of our dogs died by starvation and we
saved only three dogs. Man should have 5 or 6 dogs to travel with.
I use my launch in summer and another question
is about gasoline is very hard to get around here.
I wish to have small boat like seal boat made like whale boat
and 3 horse power in her, so two men can handle and more
light to use around on the shallow water, to visit the
people. But now I have no money to buy the boat yet.
I just talk this what the men should have, but I can not
afford it yet. I don't even receive any letters from the
board of mission and I don't know how much my salary
are. I hope to hear soon.

The last time I went up the coast, I stayed with the trader
by Mr Jack. W. Smith and he treat me good and he let
me use his house for service and I was very glad.
and my plans are to let all the people get together in summer
and I wanted to talk or preach to them. They come out the
coast in the spring in May and get down to the Trading post
I found lots of people here were very careless about Christian
lives and I want talk to them about Christ.

Some of them had been converted all ready after they
had listen good to the Word of God.

I will tell you that, we are very poor in Hymns that
only few towns ones I have. We need more Hymns like
Service Hymnal and Alleluia. Those kind hymns
the people have them and learn the songs from them.

You will find what I enclose of little deary what I
wrote on the way coming up. I hope to hear from
you and give me good courage and advice.

Yours cordially
Andrew Akootchook

2 barrells - gas - for him then Fred -

Mr Everett B. King
166 Fifth Ave
New York N.Y.

Beechey Pt Alaska
Sept 2, 1940

Dear Sir :-

I was very glad to
received your letters came to me
23rd of Aug. The first dated Oct 3,
The second dated Nov 6, and the
third one dated on May 7.

All my letters held down at Barrow
until this summer.

My son Perry brought them up to
me when he came up with my
boat. I was very thankful to
hear that my salary raise little
more. I was just came
home from down the coast to visit
some people near us.

We were backing big wind from
north east and very cold.

Our gasoline was just enough.

to take us home.

We mixed little coal oil with
the gasoline.

The people up here are not stay
together like Barrow or Wainwright.

I have to travel to preach to them
in winter and summer.

It is very good to hear that 2 barrel
of gasoline will come to me, so
I can have some gasoline
to make a trip to the people.

I have to move to different places
with my family there and there.

One time in July, I went with
one man by walk and we had
high water on the creeks and
we made a long walk on heavy
rain and soak wet to the shoes
but my Bible and song book
did not get wet. I took two dogs
to peck my stuff on saddles.

I had some difficulty with some people in my preaching. They were against me and I was glad that some of them turn to Christ. Quite a few people had converted to Christ this spring.

I was very glad of your prayer to me as I need prayer of other people and I am always very glad to hear good words of courage from you. I am interesting to preach to the people and win them to Christ. One time I met two old people that they never hear much word of Christ and they enjoy to listen to me and I pray with them and they were very happy to hear the words of God.

I am very poor on travel did
not have strong cooking gear and
oil stove; especially on cold
weather and wet.

About my boat, you don't have
to bother about it as my boat
is useful to me to travel with.

I hear Percy will go outside this
summer but he knows very well
and you may find out about me.
I am always like to hear from
you.

Cordially yours
Andrew Dickson Hooker.

Oct 24, 1940.

I start to go down to visit the people today. It's snowing and clearing in the evening. The water flooded over on the lagoon and we went on the land. We got to Beechey Pt. late at 10 o'clock tonight. I was very tired.

Oct 25. Fri It is cloudy and warm weather. The lagoon was flooded yet we go again on the land.

It's kind deep sun. We stop at Iolvi. We over took Mr. J. W. Smith there this evening. I was tired.

Oct 26. It's blowing from north east and snowing again. We start again and we got to the people. My boys put the fish ^{into} ~~into~~ ^{into} ~~into~~ today.

The people welcome us good.

Sun Oct 27. The north wind is blowing and snowing much. We had a church service in the morning.

and we had another service
this evening.

Oct 28 Mon. The north east
wind is blowing. The man and I
planning to go back, because
of much snow. We have only
four dogs.

Oct 29. The north wind is
blowing. We did not go today.
The boys caught some fish.
Its good thing to have some thing to
eat and dog feed.

Oct 30. The north wind blowing
and snowing. We start this
morning. Mr. Smith and his
wife start to go home too. Abraham
Wood went along with us. That
same boy took me home last year
and he took me a ride on his
sled again. We did not go very
far because of much wind.

Mr Smith gave food tonight
We use small tent and the
wind getting worse tonight.

Oct 31. The north wind blowing
very hard and four of us start
this morning. We were very
slow going! While we slept
last night the wind torn our
tent. We got to Abraham's house
and we put the camp again.
While the boys cooking fish Mr
Smith and his wife came up
and they stop with us tonight
He gave us food to eat again.

Nov 1, 1940. The wind is blowing
very hard. We all go again.

Mr Smith place only about 10 miles.
We got to his place and oh my!
he treat us good and we had
fine supper. I bought little
grab from him

Sat Nov 2, The wind let go little.
Three of us start again.
Georgie boys help us. hauled
our grub. We got home
tonight. It is good thing to get
home again.

Four days after Herman and
I start to visit the people and
we had a service there and
two men come from east
and we went back with them.
and we went back with them.

Dec 2: ^{mon} Herman and I start
down to the people. We got to
Mr Smith's place and we ate
lunch there and start again.
We got to Abraham's place.
We had a service tonight.
I had a text Rom 12 Chapter.

Dec 3. Tue. We start back.
The wind start to blow again.
We stop at Jimmie Cloud and we
had a service again and I
had the same text what I had
last night and we start again.
We got to Mr Smith place.
We put the camp there. The
wind blowing very hard.

We had a good service this evening.
My text was 2 Pet 2 Chapter 1-10.
We had only one song book.

Dec 4: We start to go home
and we got home this evening.

Dec 17. It is a nice day.
I walked up to the people and
we had a service there.
My text was Heb 11 Chapter.
Dec 18. The north east wind
start to blow back. I went
home by walk. I was very
tired and got wet.

Feb 2. ^{Sun} Isaac and I went
down to Mr Smith place and
we had good service this
evening. He let me have his
house to have church service.

Mon Feb 3. No meeting home
today.

23. Mon Dec. Perry, Isaac and Herman
came home this early morning from
in land. hauled some deer meat.
We are ready to go down to Beechey Pt.
to have Christmas there.

Tue Dec 24. It is nice warm day.
We start to go down with two sleds
We are very slow. We got to Beechey
Pt. at nine o'clock in the night.
Mr J. W. Smith trader welcome us
good and gave us food to eat.
He let us have his big house to
stay in for Christmas.

Wed Dec 25. It is another good
days. All my family went over
to Mr Smith and we all eat there
again. Three sleds and teams
came up for Christmas.
Mr Smith gave us ^{some} food so we
can cook in the room ^{at} where
we were.

We had a service and my
text was Luke 2: 8-20.

We had fine singing. After the
service the young people had
good singing but not enough
song books. Three or four persons
had one book to ~~bring~~ with.
We had good feed today.

Thurs Dec 26. The north east wind
is blowing. We did not go today.
We had another good singing
I wish to have organ that night.
to follow by, while they are
more eagerness to learn how
to sing. After singing the young
boys play tricks.

Fri Dec 27. The north east wind
is blowing quite hard. We can
not go again, because of my
small children.

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The boys have good time again tonight. One of my boys Thomas hurt his ankle and he can not walk home. The wind let go little tonight.

Sat. Dec 28. It is nice day and warm. We start to go home. I hired a young man to help us and he took some of my children ride on his sled. We got home tonight at 8 o'clock.

Sun Dec 29. It is a nice day again. We had two service today. The boy start to go home in such hurry to get home. He said that this family had not enough food there.

Wm. E. Veritt B. King Beechey Pt. Alaska
150 Fifth Ave New York Feb 18, 1941.
N. Y.

Dear Mr King:- I write once again
to you to let you know how we
are. We are all well and happy.
We know that God take care of the
people. Your prayer help me much
in my work to the people.
I am always like to hear from
and give me good advice.

We are short of dog feed and we
put the seal nets in the holes
but the seals broken up our
nets, I did not have strong line
as I should have. I caught
one seal in the seal holes, sitting
down for long time to wait for
seal to come up from under
the ice, that the way we hunt
sometimes. As soon as I get
some dog feed I want to go
visiting the people again.

and preach the gospel to the people. We have only five dogs slow going but we travel. When my boys go away with those dogs, I can not go. We raise 6 pups so we can use them next year and then I do some traveling then to the people. I stay with those people once more this winter and by next summer we will go up to Barter Island to our house up there and so I can preach to the people up there again. I will do some traveling. When I get those two drums of gasoline that you sent to me Ilerokopa I will use them when I make trip to the people.

I wrote to Mr Klerekofer and
he never write to me yet
and I don't know if he has
them there. We had Christmas
at Mr J. W. Smith place, and
he let have his big house, and
I preach to the people there
and one young man had
been convicted of his sins
and he converted. We had
good singing in two nights.
I wish to have folding organ
that time. I will enclose
the list of my travels this winter.
I will ~~don't~~ travel more
when the sun getting warmer

Cordially yours
Andrew Chouteau

Dr E. Verett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue New York
N.Y.

Beechey Pt. Alaska
Mar 12, 1944.

Dear Dr King:- I am always enjoy to receive the letters from you and I will answer it again. I am very much thankful to ^{have} such gift from Mr and Mrs John Schilde and I wrote to them and thanking them. I am very happy to know that you gave me good advice to seek for the lost sinners and I am trying hard to find the lost sinners I have had ~~find~~ some lost sinners and still more should be converted to Christ.

Last time I went up to Threes different family. I found out, they are some lost sinners as further. Some of them I can not reach them this winter, I may see them by this spring, when the get warm.

My son and I came home last night from up there. We have only four dogs, we are very slow. I followed my son, when he went up to the store to buy little food for my family and my son help pulling the sleds.

I stayed with one family three days and I read the Bible to them every day. We keep Sunday there. I hired a boy to help us for one day.

We made nine hours in fifteen miles.

We were facing the wind and I got very cold

and these boys make little snow house and
light the primus stove and made hot tea
and we got warm. Little tent is better, but
we don't have it with us. I am always
happy to suffer for Christ work.

I will do better by in the spring when all the
people are coming down from the river.

That's the time the people get close to each
other. I had been travel close up and
down this winter. On Feb 12, I went down
and found Mr Smith's wife very sick and I
read the Bible and pray for her there and she
had been convicted and I stayed there two days.
Abraham Stone had been took her down to
the hospital. I am always very glad that you
are praying for me, so that I must not encumber
with things to the extent that I may lose sight
of my major obligation.

I am talking to my church here to share
in giving gifts to the Board of National Missions
and some of them are willing and I will
see more people by this spring and then, if
I collect home gifts, I will send them out by
summer. It good things for us to do that
here but some of the people hold up and something

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to give. We will do best we could.

My wife and I were very glad to get good
greeting from you and from those three
ladies like Helen E. Wolf, Thelma T. Livingston
and Dorothy Henderson. I am appreciate
of their greeting to me and my wife and I
do the same things to them.

I wrote to Mr F. G. Klerehoper and if he keep
the gasoline down there for me that which
you said in your letter and he never answer
my letter. I never hear anythings from
him ever since he came back from States.
My paper just enough to write.

Sincerely yours
Andrew Chritchbrook.

Beechey Pt. Alaska

July 21, 1941.

Mr. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave, New York
N. Y.

Dear friend Mr King:-

I was very glad to receive your good letter written Mar 26, and I am always appreciate to hear such good encouraging words for me in my work here among the people. I am staying with those people here this summer after we came back from Foggy Island. As soon as we get ready, we will go up to Barter Island, so I can travel around to the people up there. We had such good sermon yesterday evening and about twenty people had been converted and the people had a joy there. I am sure there are more people like them that which I have to see them. I am very happy when I able to visiting the people.

We held the service at Mr J. W. Smith's house every Sunday and Wednesday. He is good that way and even in winter, when I am traveling and when I am at his place, he treat me very fine and feed me and don't cost me nothing. He is trader and he goes to Barrow every summer to get his outfit with five or six carry boats and game home in first part of Sept. He is about over sixty years old and great worker but he had break heart according to what doctor said. We want to sell a Navy boat strong built to me for \$600 but I did not have enough to pay with now, I did not buy it. I like it all right. Most of my money, I use it for my family and use it when I am traveling visiting the people. Sometimes I have to pay someone when I am laid up on my trials and still that I like to be service for Christ.

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Only those for nearly two years
I lost my dog, and I did not
travel very far sometimes.
Sometimes when I have chance
I go with some one and some
I walk to the people.
Mr. F. W. Smith are going to
bring my gasoline from
Barrow this summer and
will cost him nothing to bring
up for me. He is trying to
help me in that way. That was
fine. When Mr. Klerkops
came up, I ask him if he knows
about where gasoline that which
you send to me and he just
said, he don't know and I show
your letter to him and he
wanted to give to me the gasoline
and I was very glad; when
the gasoline come to me, so
I can use it when I am
travel around. My old boat
is not strong now and I want
try save little money so I can

better boat. I may buy that
navy boat. My boys may rap
me a little, when they catch
some foxes.

I will send the report to you
and I don't real know how to
fill out every written in
there and I hope you could
help me or show me how to
use them. I do best I could
and I am always thanking
you for your encouraging words
to me. I am very anxious
to travel and visiting the
people. Help me in your
prayer.

Sincerely yours
Andrew Crookshank

W. Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue New York,
N. Y.

Barter Island Alaska
Aug 18, 1941.

Dear Sir:- While I have chance
to write to you again, I am writing.
We had been traveled from Beechey
Pt. with my family and arrived
to Barter Island in first part of
Aug. On the way coming up, we
stop every place and holding the
meeting and have church and I left
my family at this place and I went
out up to Demarcation Pt. and since
I start from Beechey Pt. twenty two
people had been converted to Christ
in my service and I was very
glad that those people had been
win to Christ. Sometimes we had
church two or three times with the
people in one place.
When the Trader little schooner came
up to bring the stuff to Mr John Olson
my boys and I came up to Humphrey
Pt. and we had service there on
sun day. When I came to this
place again, the people were very
glad to see me come back.

while I was down year ago my
cousin had accident and shot himself
died and when I came to his
family, oh my his wife came to
me crying and I couldn't stand
any longer and weep with that woman.
And I talk to them from the bible
and they are feel happy after that.
And from Demarcation, I took those
family down in my boat to where
they wanted to stay.

In one place, I had a session meeting
and a girl had a baby borned died
and she had been convicted of her
sins and she wanted to be good girl.
That girl's parents are very old people
and pity that their daughter done
such a sin as that. She never
told her parents about it.
Please help me in your prayer
in that kind of work among
those people. No elders with
me, but I know God be with us
in our work. I do best I could
for the people here.
I am always very glad to receive
the letters with encouraging words.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Akootchook

Barter Island Alaska
Jan 16, 1942.

Dr Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue
New York
N. Y.

McAndrew & Shattuck

Dear Dr Everett B. King:- I am always

Thanking you for your good letters to me.
Two letters of yours came to me in Sept
This fall and no way to answer them
and until now. No mails run up this
far eastward and I just get my mails
once a year. Sometimes when
my letters from you and others came
to Barrow, the post office holding them
there until summer comes, that
makes me late to answer them in
time. Just like three letters from Presbyterian
ministers Fund Life Insurance annuities
1805 Walnut St. of Philadelphia Pa. Came
to me in Sept and in that march, I was
late to pay for my Life Insurance.
Now, I wrote to Washington Mutual Savings Bank
to send the check to them.
I am not try to fail to pay them
I am interesting in insurance Contract
for my wife and I am willing to
pay them in every year.
Only that my letters goes out late and

I will send the letters out and pay in
for Life Insurance ahead a time.
I think that only way to keep in time
with them. Or you may make
an arrangement of some way to pay them
out there out of my salary.
You know more than I do and I am trying
hard to please everyone.

I know you are acting toward ^{me} very good
about that, while I did not know it and
my wife and I are thanking you very much.
I will expect to hear from you again.
We had Christmas here at my place.

and some people came here. The
number of people are sixty two people.
We did not have much Christmas gifts.
I bought few pound of candies and some
chewing gums and we tried to make every
one last little and still the children
are very happy to get little somethings.
while the people are here, I preached
to them about five times.

On the last service we had, we had good
one, thirty six of them had been convicted
and conversions. And still, they are
more need converts.

I traveled close villages this fall and
I need more traveling when the days
getting longer. There are some trouble
between the people sometimes and I
have come to them, to stop their trouble

I read the Bible verses to them and still some of them are wayward children. We need prayers from you people and I know you are praying for me. I think you received my letter last fall. When we came from Beechey P.T. We went up to Demarcation P.T. and preached every place, and came back here and build a log house here.

I did not go down to Barrow last summer to get those two drums of gasoline. I never hear from Mr Kluckhoffer. He never write to me. I never had any more Sunday outfits for children; as I wanted them. Mrs Kluckhoffer sent me little packages of few clothing and I gave them away to needy one. I got few quarterly and few cards and now all gone. We have no songs book too.

Things are changing now, even the hunting are very hard to get and some people have hard time, no food to eat and sometimes I have to give them little to eat out of my little food I am just telling you of what condition are here among the people.

Cordially yours

Andrew Ahootchook

Barter Island Alaska.

April 28, 1942.

Dr Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue New York
N. Y.

Dear Dr King:-

I am writing another letter again to you. We haven't hear anything from anywhere this winter. The people no mails run from Barrow. The people here have poor trapping and so they did not have any contribution toward the mission. Some of those people here have had a hard time no food to eat. Different time, I traveled to them, I found them have nothing to eat and I have to give them out of my food. I am happy to give out to the needy ones of what I have little with me. Not much of it either. One time this month, I start to go up with my son and we travel a day and ~~have~~ put the camp and I was so tired of travel and next morning, my bowels moved with blood and we turned back home. We had two services on the way home with the people. I did not travel much this winter again. Not enough dogs. I have no dogs of my own. My boys use our few dogs in hunting. They are so busy travel and hunt for us. We raise the pups now. Mr J. W. Smith brought one drum ^{of gasoline} for me from the mission last summer and I will use it when I travel to the people this summer.

The people stay more on the coast in the summer.
 Good thing is there are plenty caribou up
 the mountains this winter.
 Some of the people are up the mountains now.
 and they are coming out on first part of June.
 We had three death here of children.
 One of them was my granddaughter.
 We had three funeral services.
 We had quite few converted to Christ.
 I like it that way, when the people had been
 convicted of their sins. Of course there are
 more people need salvation.
 They are some people here are against me
 in their talks. That's the work to win them
 back to Christ. Some of them don't ^{really} understand
 yet. Some young men are very easy to be tempted
 or even drink liquor.
 I am always very glad to receive good letters
 from you and I am very happy to know that
 you are praying for me, so I will have strong
 mind to preach to those people around here.
 The people here need good books or Bibles
 to read. I am out of ^{school} Sunday supplies too.
 We have no song books. ~~see page 11~~
 I never hear anything from Mr Klerekoper.
 He never write to me. We are expecting to
 see him all this spring, but he did not
 come yet. We have winter here yet. Plenty
 snow. If I have films for my camera I could
 take picture of our hall dug out long steps up
 about 8 feet above the ground.

We had very deep snow this winter and ever
had cold weather.
I need of your prayer.

Yours cordially
Andrew Akootchook.

Barter Island Alaska
Feb. 8, 1942.

Mr Everett B. King
156 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr King:

I received your letter yesterday dated Oct 7, 1941. and tell me that you received two red foxskins and I was very glad that you received them that little help from my church and I read your letter to the people here this morning and told them, that they should be willing to give contribution. It is kind hard winter for the people here this winter, not many foxes caught by the people. Last time my son and I went up the coast on Jan 22/42. and we have to give three families little food out our food, while we are traveling. One families we met did not have anything much, even got no light but little seal oil burn with wicks and we help them with kerosene. On the way coming home, we had big snowing and we had very deep snow and many times our dogs stop very tired and had sore feet in that night we got lost, heavy snowing, we don't know which way to go. dark couldn't see nothing and then the moon appeared little through thick cloud and then we know which way to go and finally we got to the house of which two persons stay. Very good to get to the house of tired traveled.

My son start to cook dog feed with primus stove. We ate little biscuit and tea and no meat that night and the next day, we came to the store keeper by name John B. Olson. and we had good sheep meat that time. Of course I am & skimo I rather have meat when I am tired and from there we got to the one families and put the camp there. The next morning, we got to the two families. and we had service there, & every village, we stop to have service. I am always feel happy when I received your good letters. The man brought my letters from next village yesterday and he will start back tomorrow morning, that why I write this letter to send it by him. My families are all well!

Sincerely yours

Andrew Akootchook

Barrow, Alaska
July 21, 1942.

Dr. Everett R. King
156 Fifth Avenue
New York
N. Y.

Dear Dr. King: I have another chance
to write to you at this place. I came
here last Friday and we had three sessions
with the people. Most of the men are
gone away to look some wood for
winter and they came back some yesterday.
I use that gasoline what you sent up to
Mr. Klerch for me and Mr. Jack M. Smith
brought it up for me as far as this place
at Beechey Pt. One dream is down at
Barrow yet. I use one dream.
We were coming down here in big wind
but plenty of ice protect us from big waves
and still some of the young people had been
convicted of their hearts and consciences their
sins. Some of them have heavy weight
of sin; but the Holy Spirit working in
them and consciences. I had harder
work this spring. Some of them denied.
Of course we have ^{some} denying too.
Some of the people are that way now -
are against me, but I know what Jesus
said, ye shall hate of all nation for my
name. (over)

It don't stop me preaching to the people
by their hatred.

As soon as I go home I will go up
to Wemarcation Pt. again, if the Lord
will. We have few death of children
this winter. Mr. Kleshoff did not
come to my place this spring. He went
back from here.

I am always very glad of your prayers
for me in my work.

Mr. Kleshoff wrote to me about my
reports to send them to him and that
he told me you wrote to him about it.
And I send them to him.
Anything you want to tell me, tell me
what I have to do and I am very much
appreciate of you.

Cordially yours
Andrew Abbott

May 7, 1943

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS RECEIVED FROM MR. ANDREW AKOOTCHOOK

August 22, 1942

"That time when I came back home from Brownie Point, we came home slowly of ice and big wind, and as soon as we got home I went up to Demaration Point and we had good services three times at that place. We stop small places too - sometimes one family. When we went up we could not pass through too much ice and we had to go inside the narrow passage, shallow, and we have to borrow a whale boat and we put all our bedding there to lighten my launch. That good things we pass through and then when we start home we went outside the sandspit and we found out no road again and we have to take two boats over the sandspit and it take us long time to get over and we pull through all right.

One time while we travel in big wind from Northeast, our shaft came out broke the belt and good thing we don't lose our propeller, and we have to use the sail until we get to the harbor and we fix it there. The people here doing fine on fishing this summer. We knew that our God gave us good blessing after hard time. I preach to the people and told them pray together and ask God to give us blessing and here now the answer to our prayers. *W. H. H. H. H. H.*

I had been work harder this spring as some young people gone astray and lots of them had been convicted. Some of them are still in waywardness, but I am still preach to them for Christ. I am always very thankful for your good advice and your prayer for me. We all know that in last days we shall be hated of all nations. There are some here - some of the people call me bad names because why is this that I preach the Words of God to them. We must pray for these kind of people. I just let you know some of the people are that way. I did not collect the offering from the people this winter because they have hard time of their living."

November 3, 1942

"We had very deep snow here this fall. We have to use the snowshoes on the lands. Last week my two boys and I went up as far as Angoon to preach to the people. Some of the people are still up the mountains. I was very glad to have those twenty songbooks and I carry them with me when I am travelling."

Barrow Alaska
Aug 12, 1943.

Mr Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave.
New York N.Y.

Dear Mr King: I received your
good letter of May 14. We came
here last week in coming down
five days from Barter Island.
I had been very sick since Mr
Therkoper came to Barter Island.
My boys tried take me down by
the dog teams but I couldn't
stand it and we went back.
I had different kind sickness.
Bleeding through my rectum for
over a month and while I had
that, my urine is getting bad
very painful, when I pass water.
And then after that, my testicles
had been swollen up and very
pain, but now I am little
better. As soon as I come

down here, I went over to the
Hospital to be examine by doctor.
He examined me all over
and I had hernia but he said
that, after had been operated
two times and broke up, he did
not want operate again.

He want Xray me too but the
Xray was broken. The parts for
it will come by the ship.

I don't know what he will do for
me yet. But my wife may get
operate of her womb. The Doctor
examined her too.

On the way coming down, our
magneto part little spring broken
and my boys took of the spring
of the alarm clock and fix it little
spring and its work fine.

Our engine getting old, the top
of the cylinder head crack and
broken on one end and the

use the stove cement put on there and works alright for a time.

We had big gale of South west this morning and the boys are very busy hauling up the boats on the beach. No harbor at Barrow, unless go around the point; eleven miles up.

The mail boat came yesterday and have no chance to land the mails ashore, because of big wind.

I have no more reports papers now with me.

I got only one drum from the mission, but the second one, I did not get it.

The one I got I use it when
I was visiting the people.
I am always very thankful
of your prayer for me.

Cordially yours
Andrew Okositchook.

Report from Mr. Andrew Akootchouk
Barter Island, Alaska

Barrow - Sept. 5, 1913 (Monday)

It is a nice day. My two sons Perry and Isaac came down with our launch from Pt. Barrow and they loaded up. I went over to the hospital to see doctor and tell him we are going home and he examined me little and give me medicine. We start 7 P.M. in the evening and travelled all night. The north wind is blowing.

Tuesday Sept. 7th:

The north wind blowing. We traveling. We saw Philip at Inloock and we gave them 2 lb. tea and few matches and we go again and we stop at the Sandspit south of Cape Halkett. There is no way to get ashore. Perry got some wood for our stove. We slept there.

Wednesday Sept. 8th:

The north wind is blowing hard. The boys put up the mast on our launch, we may want to use it sometimes; we start again and big swell and we went around the Cape Halkett and we stop there for the night. To shallow and Mildred cooked the deer meat and we had good supper. Martha had seasick. We had a prayer meeting this evening.

Thursday September 9th:

The north wind blow light and the boys get some water with the kayak; we have no small boat and after they get water, we start 12 o'clock noon. We got to Iakimo Island two hours and we intend to go across, but we met big swell again and we turn back for shelter from wind to Iakimo Island. To shallow to get to the shore. We touched the bottom with our boat. We ate the last meat tonight. Isaac went ashore with the kayak and he shot one young loon and one grouse. We had a prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Friday Sept. 10th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. The boys put the fish net but no fish - too late for fish to travel. We ate the soup of loon and grouse and piece of meat. Elizabeth my daughter cooked the soup. We had prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Saturday September 11th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. We are kind short of water. We can not go ashore, too shallow. We saw a piece of ice floated by and we went and get it and we were very thankful because there was no ice anywhere. We know God has providence for the people one who need it and so here now we have water to drink. We read the Bible and prayed for we may have good day to go across the big bay; fifty miles across no land to see.

Sunday September 12th:

The north wind is blowing and we had a service this morning and we start to go across the Harrison Bay. It has big swell and strong current against us and our boat is like a chip on the water. We made some around seven hours to Thotis Island. We stop at the Island, the boys get some snow for water and some wood for our stove and we start again and we get to Sliktook and Cyrus and his family there and feed us with the fish that what we like to eat. We had a evening service there. We stop there for tonight.

Monday September 13th:

There was calm day. We start early and we go to Beechey Pt. and we had prayer meeting there and after service was over we start again. We arrived to Peggy and George Wood and his family there and they gave us some caribou meat and we gave them little flour some tea and coffee and one box 30-30 cartridges. We start again and we got to Tikvajisk Island and we meet Kakianak and Henry Silamsackiak there. We stop there tonight. My boys cleaned up our engine.

Tuesday September 14th:

The north wind is blowing and we start to go and we arrived to Richmond's place and after we ate there we start again and we arrived to Samuel's place and we went through the opening and we went around go through another open, to get to harbor but too shallow, we hit the bottom and hard time to pull out and the boys use small boat and put the anchor down and pulled by that rope and use the long poles to help to get out of that shallow place and finally we got off safely and we went right in to the lagoon of Brownlow Point. Store keeper, Henry Chamberlain and with other Eskimo man came to us and my boys went ashore to have supper there.

Wednesday September 15th:

The north wind is blowing hard and we did not go today. My boys brought little stuff from Henry. We had a prayer meeting this evening in our launch.

Thursday September 16th:

There is no wind but little swell. We start at 10 o'clock this morning. We saw plenty seals on the water. The seals like the engine running and they were coming toward us and Herman try to shoot them but the swell bother him; cannot hit them with the bullet. Then we got to Argy Island, we got some wood and we arrived to Barter Island to our home this evening. We made 8 hours. We were glad to our family well. Charlie Gordon and his family follow us to visit.

Barter Island, Alaska

Monday April 17, 1914:

It is a nice day and sunshine. My wife, and Perry my son and I start to go up to Demarection Point to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My two daughters Elizabeth and Mildred accompany us as far to Humphrey Pt. We travelled thirty miles and we arrived to Humphrey Point this afternoon and Fred Gordon and his family welcome us good and after we ate our lunch we had a prayer meeting. Perry cooked the dog feed with seal meat and blubber and corn meal. He slept at their house tonight.

Tuesday April 18th:

It is a very nice day and sunshine and warm. We start again and my wife and I are sitting on the sled. We are going pretty fast and we had a lunch on the ice. We were sitting on the snow and we had snow table, the Eskimo never of snow and we start again and we arrived to Icy Reef. There are two family and they welcome us fine and we camp there for tonight. We are kind tired sitting on the sled and too much drifted snow. Perry shot six grouse and we had supper with grouse this evening.

Barter Island, Alaska

Wednesday April 19th:

There are another good day and warm. We had a service this morning and I took picture of the people. We start again this morning. The wind start to blow from North wind and kind get cold. We have to use big fur parkies and snow shirt outside of parkie to keep the snow off from parkie. Once an while Perry wetted the runners of cottonwood, so it will run easy. We used cottonwood runners on top iron runners because the iron runners very hard to run on the cold weather. We arrived to Demarcation Pt. and after we had a lunch we had prayer meeting. There are 25 people there this evening. They did not have much food and we have to give them little flour. We camp there tonight. There are four families on this place.

Thursday April 20th:

It is a good and sunshine. My son Perry shot six grouses and we had good meal and soup. We did not go today. We let our dogs take a rest. The dogs are not like the engine they got to have rest sometimes. We had another service this noon and after service was over, I took the picture of the people.

Friday April 21st:

It is a nice day this morning. As soon as we ate breakfast we start for me and while we are going its get fog and no wind. Of course when get fog, the dogs are smart enough to follow the trail. Very seldom to get lost with the dogs. We arrived to Ioy Reef. Irving Singatook and his son Liffingwell follow us down to get little food from the store but that store were sold out, he did not have much food to sell. We camp there tonight.

Saturday April 22nd:

It is a nice day and sunshine. We had a service this morning. We start again and we arrived to Humphrey Point this afternoon. We had little sheep meat and Dorothy, Fred's wife, cooked it and we eat little meat. We camp there. Perry cooked the last dog feed with corn meal.

Sunday April 23rd:

It is a very nice day but it kind cloudy. We had a service at Humphrey Pt. and after service is over, we had little lunch. We start again so we can have service at Barter Island, but we are kind slow going in soft snow and we were little to late in time for service. They had evening service before we get there. My wife had a little fever today and she taken aspirin. My family are all well.

The Rev. J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
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Barrow. Sept 6 1943. Monday.

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Tue. Sept 7. The north wind blowing. We traveling. We saw Philip at Kalovik and we gave them 1/2 lb tea and few matches and we go again and we stop at the sand spit south of Cape Halkett.

There is no way to get ashore. Perry got some wood for our stove. We slept there.

Wed. Sept 8. The north wind is blowing hard.

The boys put up the mast on our launch, we may want to use it sometimes, we start again and big swell and we went around the Cape Halkett and we stop there for the night. To shellow and Mildred cooked the deer meat and we had good supper. Martha had seasick and vomited. We had a prayer meeting this evening.

Thurs. Sept 9. The north wind blow light and the boys got some water with the kayak, we have no small boat and after they get water, we start 12 o'clock at noon. We got to Eskimo Island. Two hours and we intend to go across, but we meet big swell again and we turn back for shelter from wind to Eskimo Island. To shellow to get to its shore. We touched the bottom with our boat. We ate the last meat tonight. Isaac went ashore with the kayak and he shot one young loon and one grouse. We had a prayer and read the Bible tonight.

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grouse and piece of meat. I lighted my lamp, cooked the soup. We had prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Sept 11, Sat. The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. We are kind short of water. We can not go shore, so shallow. We saw a piece of ice floated by and we went and got it and are very thankful, because there is no ice any where. We know God has providence for the people one who need it and so here now we have water to drink. We read the Bible and prayed for we may have good day to go across the Big bay; fifty miles across no land to see.

Sun. Sept 12. The north wind is blowing and we had a service this morning and we start to go across the Harrison Bay. It has big swell and strong current against us and our boat is like a chip on the water. We made some around seven hours to Thetis Island. We stop at the Island, the boys get some snow for water and some wood for our stove and we start again and we got to Olikook and Cyrus and his family there and feed us with the fish that is what we like to eat. We had a evening service there. We stop there tonight.

Mon. Sept 13: There was calm day. We start early and we got to Beechey Pt. and we had prayer meeting there and after service was over we start again. We arrived to Foggy and George Wood and his family there and they gave us some caribou meat and we give them little flour some tea and coffee and one box 30, 30 cartridge. We start again and we got to Tikragish Island and we meet Kabanak and Henry Selma and their

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meeting this evening for our Church.

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We saw plenty seals on the water.
The seals like the engine running and they
were coming towards us and Herman try
to shoot them, but the shell fatter him.
seals not hit them with the bullet. When
we got to Arey Island, we got some wood and
we arrived to Barter Island to our home
this evening. We made 8 hours. We were glad
to see family well. Charlie Gordon and his family
follow us to visit.

Barter Island Alaska.

April 4, 1944.

Mr Everett B. King
156 Fifth Ave, New York
N. Y.

JUN 14 1944

Dear brother Mr King: I am writing a letter

today even though what time my letter will
reach you. All this winter, we don't hear any
thing from Barrow or outside.

No mails yet for me. We had another hard
year up here. Two white men here or down

told that they are trading. you know one
by name Mr. J. W. Smith at Beechey Point.

And another one John B. Olson, that man
trading up at Humphrey Pt.

My family and myself living mostly on
meat. My boys hunting and they did not

^{trapping} much. We had windy winter, blowing hard
all the times. That make the travelers stop

from going. Sometimes when it blow hard
can not see nothing few feet away.

Not long ago two men traveling with their
dog team to trade from the store.

They stay nearly one week and two of their
dogs died from starve or frozen.

Very hard for dogs feed here this winter
Two of our dogs died too from not to eat for

a time. We had no seal water.
Four of my boys went up to the mountains

to hunt and they killed some sheep and
we were very thankful to have little meat

I think you received my letter written in
Sept in first part last fall. I wrote to you
to let you know we are going back here.
We start Sept 6 last fall. It's kind late to
travel on big sea. no ice. We are coming
home twelve days, because we stop many
times of big wind and we stop at every place
to have prayer meeting and then go
again after snow was over.

The people are welcome now coming back
I've place down at Harrison Bay. We stop
two days of big winds. We were in channel
and very shallow in both ways and can not
go ashore, we run out of water and no meat
We had white man food.

We pray in two night to have good weather
and have something what we need.
One of my boys Isaac went ashore with little
kayak. He shot one young loon and one grouse
and we had good soup of those two birds it just
like meat. We 6 skins men like the meat
better than flour. on the next morning
One boy calling ice, ice, and small piece of
ice floated toward us from big open sea.
No sign of ice anywhere and show that
small ice got in the us and we went for
it with our launch and the boys took it up by
the rope on the boat and very good to have water
and that we know that God answered our prayer.
When we start from that place, we went across
big bay fifty miles, see no land, we bushing
the wind and made it seven hours on
big swell. It kind danger to travel like that.

But we went across safely and we went in the bay
 to get water but no water on that Island of sandspit.
 Good thing to find some snow and the boys fill
 our water Buckets with snow and we get some
 wood too for our stove and we arrived to
 Chiktok and there were one family.
 We stop there for tonight and we had little
 dinner in our launch. We ate some fish
 from them. As soon as the day light come we
 start again in calm weather. We got to the
 beach again at Beechey Point and we went ashore
 and we had prayer meeting again.
 Those people gave us some caribou meat and
 fish and we were very glad to have meat.
 We traveled all day long and stop where the
 people are. We stop for night at Tikvajick bay
 and my boy Tony clean up our engines.
 We meet three men and one little boy there
 and they stop with us tonight. On the next
 morning we start again and we stop of one
 family there and had little lunch there and
 we start and we got to the Brown's Pt and
 the wind blowing hard from north east and
 we went around try to go in through the
 opening and we were grounded and the
 big swell hitting our boat and the boys put
 the anchor out and pulled by rope and the
 other boys pushed by long poles and finally we
 got off and went in safely. We stayed there
 another one day. We had prayer meeting there
 and we bought some things for our use from
 the trader there. That man Henry M. Chisholm.
 On the next morning, there is no wind and
 we started again on big swell and no wind

We travelled about eight hours and we got
home Barter Island and found our family
are all well and we were thanking our God.
I will send my reports out too, I did not have
any more report papers, some of them I wrote
down on common papers that to show how I
am doing. I am sorry I can not send them
out last summer, that make them very late
I want to write to you all the time, but
no body travel down to Barrow this winter.
Some of the people had hard times again
no clear water for seal hunting.
Very hard for dog feed and our dogs are
very poor and no chance to visit the
people. But now the days longer now
I hope to visit some people again.

I was very thankful for the books you sent them
to me and I need any good book to study the
Bible with. We use them so Vesper choruses
in the evening services and we use the
service hymnal in the morning, but we
did not have enough of the service hymnal.
I like my preaching to the people and I am
writing the translation for the people of
what they want of Bible verses put them
into the Eskimo language. I am always very
glad when you give me good advice, you are
only one encouraging me in my work.
Mr Kerkhof never write to me.
I want to be faithful in my work for Christ.
I saw Mr Kerkhof just once last summer
down at Barrow; I am very glad you are praying
for me.

Cordially yours
Andrew Phootook.

Barter Island Alaska April 17, 1944. Monday.
It is a nice day and sun shine. My wife, and Perry my
son and I start to go up to Demarcation Point to preach
the gospel of Jesus Christ. My two daughters Elizabeth
and Mildred accompany us as far as Humphry Pt.
We traveled thirty miles and we arrived at Humphry
Point this afternoon and Fred Gordon and his family welcome
us good and after we ate our lunch we had a
prayer meeting Perry cooked the dog feed with seal meat
and blubber and corn meal. We slept at their house tonight.

April 18, It is a very nice day and sun shines and
warm. We start again and my wife and I are sitting on the
sled. We are going pretty fast and we had a lunch on
the ice. We were sitting on the snow and we had snow
table, we Eskimo never know and we start again
and we arrived to a good place. There is a two family and they
welcome us fine and we camp there for tonight.
We are kind tired sitting on the sled and so much
drifted snow. Perry shot six grouse and we had supper
with grouse this evening.

April 19. There are another good day and warm.
We had a service this morning and I took picture of
the people. We start again this morning. The wind start
to blow from north wind and kind get cold. We have to use
big fur parkies and snow shirt outside of parkie to keep
the snow off from parkie. Once in a while Perry wetted
the runners of cotton wood, so it will run easy.
We used cotton wood runners on top iron runners
because the iron runners very hard to run on the
cold weather. We arrived to Demarcation Pt.
and after we had a lunch, we had prayer meeting.
There are 20 people there this evening.
They had a lot of food and we have to give
them a little flour. We camp there tonight.
There are four families on this place.

Thurs April 20. It is a good and sun shine.
My son Perry shot six grouse and we had good
lunch and soup. We did not go today. We let our
dogs take a rest. The dogs are not like the engine
they got to have rest sometimes. We had another
service this noon and after service was over,
I took the picture of the people.

April 21. Friday. It is a nice day this morning. As soon as we ate breakfast we start for me and while we are going, it gets fog and no wind. Of course when get fog, the dogs are smart enough to follow the trail. Very seldom to get lost with the dogs. We arrived at Day Reef. Irving Sing took and his son Liffingwell follow me down to get little food from the store. but that store were sold out, he did not have much food to sell. We camp there tonight.

April 22. ^{Saturday} It is a nice day and sun shine. We had a service this morning. We start again and we arrived at Humphry Point this afternoon. We had little sheep meat and Northy Fred's wife cooked it and we eat little meat. We camp there. Perry cooked the last dog feed with corn meal.

April 23, Sunday. It is a very nice day but it kind cloudy. We had a service at Humphry. After service is over we had little lunch. & we start again so we can have service at Easter Island, but we are kind slow going. - soft snow and we were little to little in time for service. They had evening service before we get there. My wife had a little fever today and she take aspirin. My family are all well.

Barter Island Alaska.

May 6, 1944.

Mrs Everett, B. Young.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York N.Y.

JUN 14 1944

Dear Sir: I am writing another letter
to you after I came back from Demarcation
Point. My wife and my son Perry and I went
up the coast and carry the gospel of Christ to
those people up there. These people are
all well and they welcome us warmly.
We had two services at Humphry Point
and another two services at Demarcation Point.
Two services at Demarcation Point.
We had good day traveling and in just
one day we had north east wind blowing
and we get cold and all though, we use
big fur parties to keep us warm.
We have ten dogs pulling the sled and
we made it three days up and another
three days coming back.
The people up there did not have much food.
and we have to give them of our little flour
and we had little meat also and we gave
them some of that also.
The stores keepers here did not have any
more food to sell.
My son Perry went up the mountains to try
to get meat and as soon as he comes home
I want to go down the coast to visit the
people there. We are kind short of food
now, no flour any where. I think one of
my boys will go down to Barrow to get some

things for us with the dogs teams.
It over two hundred miles to travel.
We had open water here and my boys went
out and camp out there and they can get some
seals that keep us here some meat.

One time they went out and the wind start
to blow hard from south west wind and the
ice start to crush up and they got scared
of crushing of ice. The ice crushed up very
high. I wonder if you receive my
letter written Sept 6, 1943, last fall in telling
you we coming back from Barrow last fall.
We ~~was~~ visited the people preached to them
on the way home and I will send the
diary of our traveled last fall.

I haven't receive any letter yet since last
summer. We did not hear any news from
Barrow either. It kind slow finding the
road out up here.

I am trying hard to help those people in
my preach up here and I am always very
glad to receive your letters and help in
your prayers. I read some of Bible verses
you sent to me. You are the man
encourage me in my work and I
am very thankful for it.

I must close my letter now.

Cordially yours
Andrew Whooten.

Flapman Island Alaska.
May 21, 1944.

SEP 11 1944

Dear Mr Everett B. King: I write a letter
to you again this afternoon, after we had
morning service here. We are planning to
start you home tomorrow. We had been
here two Sundays and we had prayer
meeting last Wednesday evening.
Some people came to church from
Brownlow Point. The distance is about
five miles. When I preached to those
people, some of the people shown in
conviction on their faces
and they were thanking for their God
for to hear the word of God.
When we came down we stop at
Brownlow Point and I preached to the
people there and then we went on to
Flapman Island. To have Sunday
there. We had kind soft snow, it's
very hard for the sleds and we had strong
wind from north winds and we used
the sails on the sleds. We used
two dog teams. We made it two days
traveled. We found these people are
kind of food. They are living on seal
not many seals either. We have to give
them out your grub. Their meat.
There are no more flour anywhere to
get it. We are just living on meat.

My wife and I were very tired sitting
on the sled. We have to stop for a while
to clean the dogs feet, because of the soft
snow got into the dogs feet and after
cleaned the feet. The dogs start better and
the dogs were trotting for long distance.
The dogs need good feed in the night and
good rest for next morning travel.
My son Perry went down to Beechey Point
to buy some things what we want but
that store were out of stuff. He came
back empty. I don't hear any things
yet from his side and I don't even get
any letters yet. I traveled up to Demarest
Pt. and down here. I was very glad
to do that for Christ. Abraham Stone went
down to Barrow from Beechey Point and he
asked the post office man there, if there
is any mail for me, but he did not give
hint any. I think I have no letter.
I am always glad to receive your letters.
We heard Mr. F. B. Klerkofers and Mr.
Sanfield are coming up on the airplane
but they did not pick up yet.
I was very slow with my letters this
winter. There was no way to send them
out. I hope my letters and my report
reach you safely. We will have another
service this evening.

Cordially yours
Andrew Chootchuk

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS

TO
FROM
RE:

✓ Miss Gillespie (2 copies)
Miss Sheibley (1 copy)
Unit of Work in Alaska - Miss Koerner

DATE June 13, 1944

The attached report has just been received from our lay-worker,
Mr. Andrew Akootchoak, on Barter Island, Alaska. We thought you
would be interested in having this information. A copy has also
been sent to Mrs. Hayes.

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Unit of Work in Alaska
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Report from Mr. Andrew Alapetook
Barter Island, Alaska

Barrow - Sept. 6, 1948 (Monday)

It is a nice day. My two sons Perry and Isaac came down with our launch from Pt. Barrow and they loaded up. I went over to the hospital to see doctor and tell him we are going home and he examined me little and give me medicine. To start 7 P.M. in the evening and travelled all night. The north wind is blowing.

Tuesday Sept. 7th:

The north wind blowing. No traveling. We saw Philip at Kaloock and we gave them $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. tea and few matches and we go again and we stop at the Sandspit south of Cape Halkett. There is no way to get ashore. Perry got some wood for our stove. We slept there.

Wednesday Sept. 8th:

The north wind is blowing hard. The boys put up the mast on our launch, we may want to use it sometimes; we start again and big swell and we went around the Cape Halkett and we stop there for the night. To shallow and Mildred cooked the deer meat and we had good supper. Martha had seasick. We had a prayer meeting this evening.

Thursday September 9th:

The north wind blow light and the boys got some water with the kayak; we have no small boat and after they get water, we start 12 o'clock noon. We got to Barino Island two hours and we intend to go across, but we see a big swell again and we turn back for shelter from wind to Lakingo Island. To shallow to get to the shore. We touched the bottom with our boat. We ate the last meat tonight. Isaac went ashore with the kayak and he shot one young loon and one grouse. We had a prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Friday Sept. 10th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. The boys put the fish net but no fish-to late for fish to travel. We ate the soup of loon and grouse and piece of meat. Elizabeth my daughter cooked the soup. We had prayer and read the Bible tonight.

Saturday September 11th:

The north wind is blowing hard. We did not go today. We are kind short of water. We can not go ashore, to shallow. We saw a piece of ice floated by and we went and get it and we were very thankful because there was no ice anywhere. We know God has providence for the people one who need it and so here now we have water to drink. We read the Bible and prayed for we may have good day to go across the big bay fifty miles across no land to see.

Sunday September 12th:

The north wind is blowing and we had a service this morning and we start to go across the Harrison Bay. It has big swell and strong current against us and our boat is like a chip on the water. We made some around seven hours to Thetis Island. We stop at the island, the boys get some snow for water and some wood for our stove and we start again and we got to Sliktook and Cyrus and his family there and feed us with the fish that what we like to eat. We had a evening service there. We stop there for tonight.

Monday September 15th:

There was calm day. We start early and we go to Beechey Pt. and we had prayer meeting there and after service was over we start again. We arrived to Perry and George Wood and his family there and they gave us some caribou meat and we gave them little flour some tea and coffee and one box 30-30 cartridges. We start again and we got to Tikvajik Island and we meet Kakianak and Henry Silamwachlak there. We stop there tonight. My boys cleaned up our engine.

Tuesday September 16th:

The north wind is blowing and we start to go and we arrived to Richards place and after we ate there we start again and we arrived to Samuel's place and we went through the opening and we went around go through another open, to get to harbor but too shallow, we hit the bottom and hard time to pull out and the boys use small boat and put the anchor down and pulled by that rope and use the long poles to help to get out of that shallow place and finally we got off safely and we went right in to the lagoon of Browlow Point. Store keeper, Henry Chamberlain and with other Eskimo men came to us and my boys went ashore to have supper there.

Wednesday September 17th:

The north wind is blowing hard and we did not go today. My boys brought little stuff from Henry. We had a prayer meeting this evening in our launch.

Thursday September 18th:

There is no wind but little swell. We start at 10 o'clock this morning. We saw plenty seals on the water. The seals like the engine running and they were coming toward us and Herman try to shoot them but the swell bother him; cannot hit them with the bullet. Then we got to Aray Island, we got some wood and we arrived to Barter Island to our home this evening. It made 6 hours. We were glad to our family well. Charlie Gordon and his family follow us to visit.

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Barter Island, Alaska

Monday April 17, 1914.

It is a nice day and sunshine. My wife, and Perry my son and I start to go up to Demarcation Point to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. My two daughters Elizabeth and Mildred accompany us as far to Humphrey Pt. We travelled thirty miles and we arrived to Humphrey Point this afternoon and Fred Gordon and his family welcome us. [Good] and after we ate our lunch we had a prayer meeting. Perry cooked the dog feed with seal meat and blubber and corn meal. We slept at their house tonight.

Tuesday April 18th:

It is a very nice day and sunshine and warm. We start again and my wife and I are sitting on the sled. We are going pretty fast and we had a lunch on the ice. We were sitting on the snow and we had snow table, we looking never of snow and we start again and we arrived to Icy Reef. There are two family and they welcome us fine and we camp there for tonight. We are kind tired sitting on the sled and too much drifted snow. Perry shot six grouse and we had supper with grouse this evening.

Barter Island, Alaska

Wednesday April 19th:

There are another good day and warm. We had a service this morning and I took picture of the people. We start again this morning. The wind start to blow from North Wind and kind get cold. We have to use big fur parkies and snow shirt outside of parkie to keep the snow off from parkie. Once an while Perry wetted the runners of cottonwood, so it will run easy. We used cottonwood runners on top iron runners because the iron runners very hard to run on the cold weather. We arrived to Amarcation Pt. and after we had a lunch we had prayer meeting. There are 25 people there this evening. They did not have much food and we have to give them little flour. We camp there tonight. There are four families on this place.

Thursday April 20th:

It is a good and sunshine. My son Perry shot six grouses and we had good meal and soup. We did not go today. We let our dogs take a rest. The dogs are not like the engine they got to have rest sometimes. We had another service this noon and after service was over, I took the picture of the people.

Friday April 21st:

It is a nice day this morning. As soon as we ate breakfast we start for me and while we are going its get fog and no wind. Of course when get fog, the dogs are smart enough to follow the trail. Very seldom to get lost with the dogs. We arrived to Ioy Reef. Irving Singatook and his son Liffingwell follow us down to get little food from the store but that store were sold out, he did not have much food to sell. We camp there tonight.

Saturday April 22nd:

It is a nice day and sunshine. We had a service this morning. We start again and we arrived to Humphrey Point this afternoon. We had little sheep meat and Dorothy, Fred's wife, cooked it and we eat little meat. We camp there. Perry cooked the last dog feed with corn meal.

Sunday April 23rd:

It is a very nice day but it kind cloudy. We had a service at Humphrey Pt. and after service is over, we had little lunch. We start again so we can have service at Barter Island, but we are kind slow going in soft snow and we were little to late in time for service. They had evening service before we got there. My wife had a little fever today and she taken aspirin. My family are all well.

The Rev. J. Earl Jackson, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska
Board of National Missions

Mailed from Pt. Barrow, Alaska on May 26, 1914.
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Barter Island Alaska
Jan 16, 1945

J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

~~Yuba City~~
FEB 20 1945

Dear sir:-

I received an Alaska news Bulletin and after I read ^{them} that makes me think to write to you personally. I am up here at Barter Island and the people are not stay together and I have to go to them and preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I traveled with the dog teams in winter. Sometimes I can not go of the wind for long times. In summer, I traveled with my launch and I buy the gasoline from the store, but last summer my engine broken on me and we tried to fix it up, but nothing to fix with and then we filled up one of the black with the gunny sack wetted with water and used it that way all the summer.

But I don't know for this summer that our old engine worn out, had been used since 1928. I will buy new engine if I could find 20 horse power.

I had agreement with the Barrow Native store to order new engine for me and when the engine come, I will pay for it.

We had good Christmas this winter. We had three services on Christmas and I was very glad that some people had been convicted and fifteen souls had been converted on that day and they gave small gifts. Thirteen dollars eighty five cents. \$13.85. Out of these \$5.00 ¹⁰¹⁴ ~~brotherly love~~

supplies. We had no Sunday school supplies
for long time now.

The people gave Christmas presents to each others.

And there was no way to buy gasoline up here
this winter and we used Eskimo lamps with
the seal oil on Christmas times.

We Eskimo people get use to it. That not the only
times we use seal oil lamp.

We are living here east of Barrow about 300
miles or more. We are close to the mountains

We are living most on meat of deer and seals.

Of course we buy little flour and other things
from the store. The people here have poor year,
not many jobs and some people did not have
much to eat and now one family of old people
are staying with us and we have to feed them.
That is why we help the people when they need
of food. I am always happy and willing to do
the service for Christ for the people up here.

Cordially yours

Andrew Akootchook.

Barter Island Alaska.
Jan 17, 1945.

Board of National Mission
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Avenue
New York. N. Y.

FEB 26 1945

I am sending the Statistical

Report of Dec and little story with it.
We had bad weather ^{the first} part of this month and on Christmas
time, we had big wind of north east nearly two weeks.
Some people had hard time to come over for Christmas.
We sent the boy my son Roy to meet some of them,
because of big wind. I am sending another
box for the old man and his wife. We are
helping them and feed them here now, because
they have no food all this fall.
On Christmas time, we were out of gasoline and
no gas lines to buy from the store here; because
the boats did not come up last summer.
We have to use seal oil lamps and five candles.
That great help to us have poor light, but we Eskimos
people get use to it, we were brought up with that kind
of light, but you see, how it looks very different from
Christmas presents, but of
course the people are willing enough to give
presents to each others of their own.
We were enjoyed to have Christmas that way.
We have three services on Christmas and some
of the ^{people} had been convicted and fifteen souls had
been won for Christ that was very good.
I did not travel for the people this fall while the
days are short and now the days are getting longer
now and the sun will be back in few days
now again. We can not see the sun until Jan
23 or 24 of high mountains close to us.
Sincerely yours
Andrew Akootahook.

Feb 8 1945. We had cold weather and blowing north east wind. When we held the service, we use the seal oil lamps and use moss for wick. It is very dark to read the Bible and we have to get close to the lamp to see better. Even though, it better than without light at all. Every movement makes the light smoke, of course, that makes the house black. Some of the did not come to church because the windy and very cold.

Feb. South wind blow light. We had a prayer meeting and we use seal oil lamps. There is no gasoline to buy from, unless go down over 300 miles to buy gasoline from the store. Last summer the boat did not get home, because the much waves.

Feb 11. The south west wind is blowing hard. We held two services and Sunday school. We use the Eskimo lamps, that only things we have. we have come close to the lamps to see good. We Eskimo people get use to that kind lamps anyway. Some women tended to the lamp with small stick and trimmed it good. Some people did not come to church, of big wind. Can not see very far of big snowing.

Feb 14. We did not have no prayer meeting this evening because we went out hunting seals on of the water and came home late in the night. We killed eleven seals. We have to cut ice to make the road for loaded sled and the dogs pulled hard.

Feb 18. It is a very cold day and very clear day. We held morning service and Sunday school and evening service. We use seal oil lamps to read our Bibles.

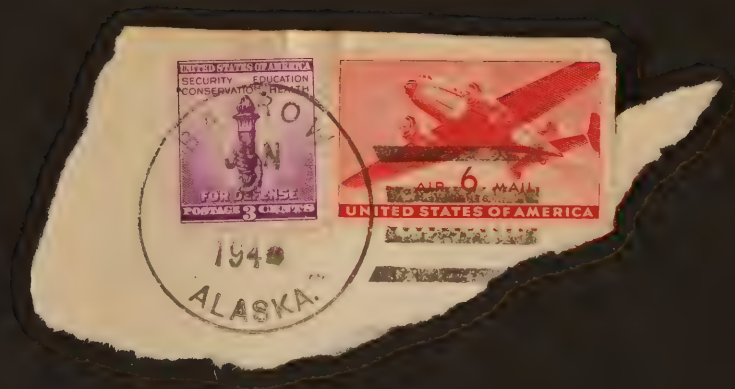
Monday Feb 19. Roy and I start to go down to preach to the people there and we were very slow because the much ice on top the snow and very slippery for dogs to pull. We arrived to Saliutahit this afternoon. There is a family of Richmond & Logok. We had prayer meeting there.

Wed Feb 20. We start again and wind blowing south wind and very cold. We traveled about 25 miles and we arrived to Ilanqigvik and the people welcome us there and they have warm house and very comfortable for a man after traveling in very cold weather. I have to put my hands on my face to protect from frozen when I am traveling. We had a prayer meeting this evening. I was very tired tonight of walking.

Thur Feb 21. It is a very clear day. We start again at 9 a.m. and we were very slow because of much ice on the snow. We arrived to Brownlow Point this afternoon. I was very tired by walking. We had prayer meeting this afternoon while day light. After prayer meeting, I have to talk to a girl of which she has a baby without husband and she denying altogether at first and I talked to her and then she confessing her sins and the tears coming out of her eyes and I talked to her Jesus words and then she is coming in with brighter face, than after she had sorrowful face before she confess. It is very good to win some souls to Christ. —

Feb 22. It is a nice day Roy and I start for home, because not much food after I gave some meat to the people. They have no meat. We traveled long distance, so we can get home tomorrow before Sunday. We found a small cabin with the stove in it. We have no cooking gear with us, only very small fry pan ^{that} which had been use for lamp and I let the woman cleaned it up. We use that to cook hot cake and we ate deer frozen meat and drink tea tonight. We were very tired. We have to crawled into our sleeping bags cloth on tonight.

Feb 23. It is a very nice day. We start again and after travel over hour, we got to Richmond place. We have to rest there four hours. We read the Bible verses all that afternoon. Roy put cooked flour on his sled runner to make easier for travel. That's the way men use flour on their sleds. We got home safely.



Barter Island Alaska
April 18, 1945.

Mr J. Carl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

JUN 8 1945

Dear Mr Jackman:- I was very glad to
received your two letters to me. came in
this month. They were coming long time,
you see how my letters comes to me. because
no mails run between Barrow and Barter
Island, like down at Barrow.
That makes me very late to answer them
and the certificate, that which I have to
fill them out. I am going to filling them
out best I could, I did not know much
about them, unless some one help me how
to do it. I will try to follow the words that
were written in them.
Any things that the Board sent up to me to fill
them out, I want to do them quickly, but comes
slow and when I send them, it travels
slow, because the only way is my letters
go out by some one travel down to Barrow
I am far east of Barrow over three hundred
miles. had been wonder about my salary
if I am getting them or not in your letter in Sept 26.
I am getting them right along, only things
is slow on coming.
And also I send you about my children
and birth dates. I have ten children
and four boys are grown up now and

two of my daughters were married.
Even though they are staying with us
in one place at Barter Island.

Last year I am out of Statistical Report and
now, I have some now.

I was very glad of my salary added more.
That's great help to me in my work for the
people. The people here are not staying together.
I have to go to them. Sometimes it's hard
to do for me in winter and I have to
go with my boat in the summer.

This year in Feb, I went down as far as
to Brownlow Point to visit the people.

We were very slow going, because our dogs
are very poor. My son have to run a head
of dogs to make them go faster.

We Eskimo people are got use to do any
way. After we came home, we got sick
in March. The boy came up from Barrow.

brought up that sickness, called flu. The people
at Barrow are dying. That boy start from
there, without knowing of the doctor.

The people up here have had times without
any medicine, only things is to use
seal oil to make the throat stop from coughing.
We use plenty water.

Seven people died up along here.
I been people died up along here.

I am not very strong yet.
We did not have services quite few
times, because of that sickness.
It's very hard for those people up ^{here} when
any sickness comes.

In your letter you said that you are going to visit Barrow next summer and, that you are saying that you want to see me, and I want to see you also and talk to me about my work.

But I have no gasoline to go down with and it takes quite a while to go down without the gasoline. I hope to see you and talk with you. Our place here have good harbor and have lagoon and opening to go through. I am alone up here when anything come up. There is no elder with me.

I have to take up all the matter alone. Some people have been converted this winter and I met one girl have a baby this fall without husband and I had difficulty with her. She try to deny that she never been with any boys and I made her convicted and finally she confess her sins and promise to believe in Christ Jesus and accept Him as her own personal Saviour.

I met another man, that which I had been long to talk to him about Christ and he did not want to listen to me and he went out and go away. That very pretty for that man and we are praying for him.

I am very of you are praying for me in my work. Yes I try hard to win the people for Christ and I know there are some people up along here are faithful to their Saviour.

You sent me the copies of the gospels in
Eskimo dialect and when I looked them
up and I found out, I could not understand
them. These are the languages of Eskimo
of Kuskokwim. We can not understand
each others. Those people over thousands
miles down the coast. I can not use
them here and I hope to send them back
or ^{send} down to Barrow, so the minister have
to send them out. You let me know about it.
I had been ordered for one Bible dictionary
of John H. Davis and I have them here
now.

I want you to get me one large type edition
of Scofield Bible of India paper with
dictionary of scripture proper names and
concordance. Pay for it out of my salary
I can cost money. I want strong Bibles.
I want any books good for work and you
know yourself what I ought to have to help
me in work.

I am trying to do my duty in faithfully
Every thing you send to me pay for them
out of my salary.

I will be very much appreciate of you
to do that for me.
I am wearing my eyes all the time when
I am reading. Cordially yours

Andrew Akootchook

Barter Island Alaska
Aug 8, 1945.

SEP 17 1945

Mr J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

John

Dear Mr Jackman:- I was very glad to received
your letter came to me in June this spring.
you said that you are hoping to be in Barrow
in later part of April or the first part of May.
I am sorry that I am late to see you!
I thought you will be in Barrow sometimes in
August. I want to see you too, but now is
to late. I did not get your letter quick enough.
you see how my mails come late and my
letters did not go out quick enough.
I am in far east of Barrow, and the mails
did not run between here and Barrow.
I say that some people come from Barrow
brought my letters. I send with my reports
did not send out early. I do best I could to
send them out.
I was planning to go down to Barrow in
April last spring, but the flu comes to me
suddenly and I did not go down.
I read in the Alaska News letter the office
would like to have picture of snap and I had
one picture snap of myself and wife but did
not develop it yet because I have no more
developers and Hypo. I will try to send it later
on after I fix it up. Also Miss Gillespie
asked to write to the supporting groups.

I will write to her about my work.

I want to send my letters out quickly but I am in late, because no body travels between here and Barrow. My boys are painting our boat now, so we can travel again to visit the people. I have no gasoline, but I have sail to sail with it. Only that very slow travel in that way. We had good hot summer and sometimes, we have church out doors, only that lots of mosquitoes and we have to build fire and make it smoke that only way to keep the mosquitoes off little.

I use the truss on my abdominal hernia. I had been operation twice but opens up. Mr. Sienfield examined and he told me that very hard to fix it again after it has been open twice. The truss help me much but my truss is worn out and my wife have to sew it and put new straps on sometimes. The hernia don't stop me from my travel to the people. I like my preach to the people and write the translation to them also. Those copies of the Gospels in Eskimo dialect was sent to me, but we can not understand them and we can not use them. Those written in Inashokwim languages. I do not know what to do with them. I think its only way is send them back.

I am always very glad to receive your good letters and that you are praying for me. One time I went up to Humphry Point in June and there was lots of water and there was and very old man, his name is John Koopuk. He and his daughter had been up the mountains all winter. He can not hunt himself. His daughter hunt sheep and she killed three sheep and one brown bear. That man use to be great hunter.

I have to give them little coffee and tea. That's the old people like to drink in our country. After I preached there. That old man speaks that the praying of the people help him to be happy in his life. The Holy Spirit comforting him after his wife died two years ago.

We had quite few death here this winter and there some help less people and I have to three of my boys to help them burying their dead ones and making the coffins out of the log and they had been away a month. I am still weak then of that sickness we had. My son Perry gave one family his tent to have that tent to use it for funeral they have nothing to cover them.

I am always very glad to receive letters from you.

Sincerely yours
Andrew Ekootook

Barter Island Alaska

Aug 21, 1946.

On this month we had cold and windy weather.

We start to go down to Beechey Point to visit the people. The distance is about one hundred thirty miles. We have only fifteen gallon gasoline.

We start on Thursday afternoon.

We use sail to save gasoline and the getting worse and we have to take the sail down and start the engine. We must very careful about our engine because we use only three cylinders only because one has hole in. And we pluck it up with gunny sack. Our magneto spring broke also and my son Perry fix it up with piece of iron out the tank and we were out of every things.

We were sailing among the ice, just before we get to the people, its get dark and we have outside the ice and very to see in the night and there is no way to go through and we try to find the safe place to go through and finally we found one very narrow place to go through and we went in that place and jamed our boat by two ice. Its good things our boat did not broke.

We were going inside the ice and the sand spit on the left side and we were to close to the beach and we tried to turn our boat over but our wheel broke and we went on the sand spit. It is good things it did not break while we were on the sea. Perry and Vincent fixed it up and after they finished, we try to pull out, but we can not pull and we have to wait for the big water. In the next morning we pulled out and start again and towing our small boat and when we hit the ice.

our boat sunk and got the rope and we did not know it and after we found out that it was sunk. We turn back and try to hook it with seal hooks. and good thing we hook it. Our meat is in that too and after we put our little boat in our launch, we start and we arrived to Brownlow Point; and my boys went ashore and the people are welcome them and those people came out to our launch and we had a prayer meeting this evening. We stay there for tonight. In the next morning we went around and our engine did not run right again. My son Perry fixed it up again and we start again. We borrowed two cases of gasoline from Samuel because we did not have much gasoline. We use sail again and stop our engine to save gasoline in that way. It is very thick fog again. We have to follow the sand spit in the keep of from sea. We went by our compass only. when it get dark we camp again. because to much ice. On the following day, we start again in thick fog and in toward Sat noon, the fog left up and cleared. We were very glad to have nice day. We arrived to Buckley Point this afternoon and we were very glad to see our friends again. We had four services and some people had be converted of their sins and twenty one people had been converted. We had good sermon that night. We want go back but big wind from north east stop us from going. There are slush on the beach. We did not have much meat now good things, we shot some brents and we have good soup.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Akootchook

Beechey Point Alaska
Aug 28, 1945.

Rev J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York N. Y.

SEP 17 1945

Dear Rev J. Earl Jackman:

I am writing another letter to you after I arrived to this place and we had two services on Sunday and I am going to stay this week. We came here late and I have to borrow two cases from Samuel. I did not have of my own gasoline. We use sail half the time. We had big wind in coming down. We use our old engine pluck up one of the cylinder head with gunny sack. One of the spring of magnets was broke too but my son Perry fit it up with piece of tin and work a right, only thing is to fix it up once awhile. When we start from Bartter Island. We use sail half way to Brownlow Point and plenty of ice and some places, we can not go through. We have to go in to the sand spit in the night. We found very narrow lead and go right in and jam our boat in between two ice and good thing our boat did not broke and only one wheel broke and my boys fit it up and when we arrived to Brownlow Point. We had prayer meeting. And from there we followed the sand spit in very thick fog. We are just go by the compass

I am sending the gifts of our people
at Barter Island. \$17.70 and one red fox skin
and I hope it will reach safely.

Cordially Yours
Andrew Ahookhook.

P.S. There is another two dollars came
for the gifts, after I packed up the gifts
and so I put in your letter.
Andrew Ahookhook

Barter Island Alaska.
Oct 22, 1946.
Rev. J. Earl Jackman,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

MAY 14 1946

Dear Rev Jackman:-

I am sending my report of Sept and I did not receive any letter from since last June. Probably the post office down at Barrow holding them.

Even those tele intermediate - Senior quarterlies did not come yet. Wm. P. Green sent them up to me in Mar 13 1945. I want to have them here and I don't know what make them slow.

We use old quarterlies. When I went down to Beechey Point two boats came up to Beechey in carrying the food for store there and here. We stay there for two weeks and I was very glad some of the people there had been convicted and converted. When we start to go home we took some load of flour and cereals, that was great help for the people here. One family came along with us and we have to borrow one whale boat, that which had been there long time.

We had good weather all way home, only thing is plenty ice. One place at Brownlow the ice was right up on the beach. We went through the opening. The wind blow the ice over from North east winds. We prayed that so we can have road to go through and at night while we are sleep, the wind swing round to the west wind and open the ice. We were very glad and we don't want to be caught there because it is too late to travel. We have to go, that was Sunday.

too. After we passed the sand spit, the wind stop
blowing and very calm.

When there are plenty of ice, the ice makes quick
no matter how the ~~man~~ want to travel in ice
he can not go. The ice break the board of the boat;
just few hours time.

We were very glad to get home again.

When we got home, we have to go to the neighbor
that where the woman had been sick and we
have services there on Sunday and Wednesday.
I think you received my first letters, that which
I wrote them at Beechey Point.

Sincerely yours

Andrew Ahootook.

Barter Island Alaska
Dec 10, 1945

Rev J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10, N. Y.

MAY 14 1946

Yellowknife

Dear Rev Jackman:-

I was very glad to receive another letter from you. It came to me Nov 30 this fall. Also you sent the withholding tax form and I am sending to Bureau of Internal Revenue of the United States government. And about my reports and you told ^{me} that you don't get some of them. I made every month reports and sent them out; probably some of them got lost. I am far east of Barrow and no mails run between Barrow and here. The only I sent my reports by people one who travel down that way. My mails came very slow too. I sent two letters to you and reports this fall by boat while I was down at Beechey Point. The Beechey Point is about 140 miles from here. I went down to visit all those people and after two weeks I came back. I sent my reports with some kind of form of which I had been work and quite few people had been converted of their sins. I like my preach in that way. I had been visiting the people all I could, but this fall. I did not travel because of I don't feel well sometimes in my bowels. If the Lord's will I want try to go down to Barrow to see Doctor ^{in the spring} and as I travel, I could visit the people. We had a very very cold weather this fall. That the first time, I see cold weather like it, it is very nice to travel in summer with the boat.

I bought 30 gallons of gasoline at Belchey Point
so I can have it coming home. It is very
hard to get gasoline up this way.
The Sunday school lessons came to me this
fall and we are using them now and I
am thinking to send for some lessons cards for
small children. We don't have them here.
I am sure they will enjoy to them.
I am always very glad to hear you advise
me in my work for Christ.
In this month, we have very short day light, it
about 4¹/₂ hours we could see far. Not very
bright either. The sun did not rise in over 60
days. I am sending my reports and every services
activities and I don't know much about how to
put them down and if there is any mistake,
I hope you correct them and show me how
to use new forms of reports.
There is no one up here, one who could show me
how to write them.
I am try hard to win the people to Christ
and of course they are. some people are willing
to serve their Saviour in faithful way.
In those two years the people have hard
time, have nothing to eat and some of them
went across in Canada side to satisfy their
stomachs and we know that not the only to
live. We must be hungry for Christ's word.
I use to tell the people about what Jesus said
in John 6:27. Labour not for the meat which perish, but for
that meat which endureth unto everlasting life which the Son
of man shall give unto you; for him hath God the Father
sealed. That's good lesson for us up here.
We are coming for Christmas again and we
are preparing for it to have some programs
Some of those people here never saw it before.
We will use of what we learn from mission
at Barrow. Will I must close my letter
now. Sincerely yours
Andrew Akootchook.

Barter Island Alaska
Jan 28, 1946.

Rev J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N. Y.

MAY 14 1946

Dear Rev Jackman:-

I am writing a letter again to you and I am sending the reports with this letter. Probably I made a mistake on my report made and if I do make a mistake please correct them and send me the sample of how to write them down. There is no one here to show me how to do it. We had Christmas here at our place and some people came to have Christmas with us and we had service on 25 of Dec and we read the Bible verses at 10 o'clock every night and I was very glad that some of the people had been convicted of their sins and I could see the tears were coming out of their eyes and I preach of Jesus Christ that he came into the world to save the sinners and after the service was over, I could see the faces are happy. I like to preach the Word of Jesus Christ and win the people for Christ. But this winter I did not travel to visit the people but now I am feeling little better and I hope now to travel little. Last Saturday, my wife and I went down to see woman one who had been lay down for four months and I read the Bible verses for her and pray for her. In your letter, you ask me about my visit to the people. Some times I am visiting the people and when I am able to do

In last fall in Aug and Sept I went down to
Beech Point and visiting the people and when
I send my reports and I wrote about my travel
and I send them out with my reports and I
wonder if you receive them or not. ~~but~~ ^{they may}
I some of my reports did not get there, ~~they may~~
get lost. I send all my reports out.
That only I do, and preach I want write them and
send them out to you.

I will let you know about what I want to do this
spring sometimes in April, if the Lord's will,
I want to go down to Barrow to see doctor to
be examine, if some thing don't stop me from
going. I am not very well sometimes on my
bowels. I will see later.
On Christmas time I read about the children
who to the people and they are willing to give
but have no money and they brought one white
foxskin from a man and they gave ^{it} to the
children's day and there is one dollar and
25 cents from other two men and I will send
them out to you and I hope it will reach
you safely.

I am very glad of you when you instruct
me what to do and I am very glad of your
prayer for me. even though I am the least
of all the pastors. We are using Sunday
school material that which you sent them to me.
There are very good lessons.

Cordially yours
Andrew Ahootchook.

Barter Island Alaska

April 22, 1946

MAY 29 1946

Dear Rev. Carl Jackman:

I am sending my reports to you as you told me to send to you at head quarters. I did not receive any letter this winter and also I am adding my mails out long time now and I don't think they reach to you yet because no body travel down to Barrow way this winter. I did not travel to the people to visit them this winter, sometimes I am not very well and now I am planning to go down to Barrow to be examine by doctor at Barrow. But now we had bad cold put near like last spring. An old widow woman died that which she stayed with us for five years if we start to go down, I want to go in first of may. Its little way to go down over 300 miles down with the dogs teams. I am always very glad when you write to me and give me good advice about my preaching to the people. I am ^{kind of} ashamed my self when I am visiting the people in winter. But of course I am visiting them in the summer by boat. Its nice to travel in summer than in winter up here. We were close to the mountains here and the wind blow hard sometimes not always. I tell you this how the conditions

of the weather and I don't mean for
expense to visiting the people.

I like to travel, but some times I can not
go long while. I am always thankful
for your kind letters to me.

Cordially yours
Andrew Arootchook.

The Story of My Journey from Barter Island to Barrow, Alaska

May 8, 1946

It is a very warm day and the rivers break out from the mountains. My family are ready to go along with us as far to Anderson Point twenty miles down. We were very slow because we have heavy load. We camp at the Sand spit and the boys cooked the dog feed out door by big fire. My family are going to stay there for this spring to hunt animals.

The next day, Perry, Vincent, Herman, and my wife and I started with two dog teams. We were traveled forty miles and arrived to Brownlow Point at mid-night. On the way going we had a lunch in cooking caribon meat and have some teas. It take quite a while to cook meat and we stop over one hour time. We should have good primus stove or colman. The next day we did not go because the boys need dog feed and they went out hunting seals and they caught only one seal; that great help for us because we are going to travel 300 miles. We don't have all we need in food, but still we have meat to help us along until we get down to Beechey Point where the store is.

The next day, we start again and we use sails to help us along, so the dogs don't have to pull so much. We camp at Pole Island way out from the mainland. It was Saturday we intend to stay there for Sunday. The boys cooked the dog feed out door by big fire. On Sunday we have two services, in the morning and evening. The next day we had strong wind, Northeast wind, and after he had breakfast we start and we used sails and the wind is getting stronger, and the dogs have to run to keep up with the sails. Of course the dogs were tired out. They are not like the engine, they got to have rest once in while. We had lunch and the boys cooked some meat and tea. We arrived to Beechey Point after we traveled about 50 miles. The boys bought some flour and corn meal and some what they need on their travel. The boys fix their sails and mast and we don't have any rope and they use wire for mast stay. We had two services there. The next day in the afternoon we go to other people, about five miles away, and we had a service and after we had service, we went to other two families and we camp there and the people are welcome us very good and feed us. That the way the Eskimo people do to each other. We have two services there again. We did not go the next day because our dogs were tired. The two boys went out sealing and they kill one seal and that was very good to have dog feed.

We are going to go across the Harrison Bay fifty miles without seen the land. We start the next day and we camp on the ice and we put our sails under our deerskin mattress to protect us from get wet. The boys cooked the dog feed by primus stove and colman, it takes quite a while to cook that way. They put two primus stove under the dog bucket. We need good stove to travel along with on the ice and it was very hard to get them up where we are. We got to have waterproof tent in traveling on the ice, but there is nothing to buy from. Even though we are satifying of what we have with us, we Eskimo people stand any weather but we have very strong wind in winter. Sometimes the people get lost and frozen to death. When we travel we take strong tent and stove in winter. We start the next day and it is snowing and kind soft snow. We were slow going.

We saw a seal on top the ice and we stop and Isaac, my son, went for seal and use white snow shirt and he crawling up to the seal, of course the seal watch for himself from any animals and he put up his head just in few minutes time to see if anyone coming to him. And when he put up his head Isaac lay flat on the ice to keep from seen by seal and keep doing that long time until he get close enough to shoot and he kill the seal and he out the seal up and I took the rope and hammer and I put into the seal hole to see how deep it is and found out that six fathoms and I know exactly how far we were out, because I had been traveling quite many times across the Harrission Bay in summer and winter. We are going by the snow drift and we know exactly which way to go. We put the camp on the ice again. We saw the skimo Island from the high cake of ice and we know now we are going to get to land the next day. We will try to get to the people this evening to have Sunday there. We start and we use sails and we are going fast because the wind is getting stronger and sometimes our dogs did not pull. My wife and I were very tired by sitting on the sled jumping and down on rough snow. We had lunch when we came to the land and after we had lunch, we arrived to the people. We were traveled about fifty miles today.

There were two families and they welcome us very good and gave us three seals for our dogs. That show to be good Christians to help in missionary work. We keep Sunday there and we have two services in the morning and evening. The people are listening to the words of God very closely. The next day we start again and the other two boys went along with us to go down to Barrow. I take a ride with Chester Aklinik and we arrived to one family at Cape Simson and I read the Bible verses this evening.

The next day I read the Bible verses and we start again and we use sail. We camp at the lagoon and we are not far from Barrow. We arrived to Barrow this afternoon just in time for to go to prayer meeting. We went to church. I met Rev. Samuel Lee and his family at the church and they invite us the next day. They are very nice people. One Sunday evening Mr. Lee invite me to preach to the people and I preach to them.

Andrew Akootchook,
Barrow, Alaska

Barter Island, Alaska

I received the Alaska News letter of which Rev. J. Earl Jackman sent up to me this Spring in asking to write to supporting groups and how, I am writing about I am been doing among these people, east of Barrow.

I am carrying the work of Christ, to preach the gospel to those people scattered around here. I have to travel to them and stop every place I mets, and preach to the people. Every people are willing to listen to the work of Jesus Christ and some has been converted of their sins and then converted of their sins and accept Jesus Christ as their own Saviour.

In winter I traveled with the dog teams and I carry the tent and primers stove and food. We are living in very cold place and I have to wear heavy deerskin parkie and pants. I have to stop in one place for sometimes because of big wind. When its strt blow hard, can not see just few feet away. Sometimes we get lost in travel. We have to take a compass to show us which way to go. Lots of time I am short of food and dog feed. And also sometimes I find some family did not have food and I have to give them food out of my food and they were very thankful. You see how the dogs and engine are very different. We have to cook the dog food every night to make them lively for next morning. In long run, the dogs worn out of harding pulling in deep snow and drifted snow. I am always very happy to see the bright faces of people when they are welcome me to their houses. In June, traveling very hard after the snow melt and there are plenty of water on the ice and the dogs walk on the water and their feet are out up by sharp ice and I have to use the boots for them. Sometimes my clothes are get wet and I have to have strong cover, but I did not have that kind up here. My wife made the deerskins sewed together and made cover for sled, that was very good. One time my son Perry were traveling in big snowing and very cloudy, and we got lost in the night and then we found out that we turned back to where our trail were and found out by those and we arrived to the fa ily ~~subdyxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ after they went to sleep and oh, how I was tired sitting on the sled and those family welcome us good and I had good sleep in that night and start again in next morning after we have prayer meeting.

In summer I traveled with my launch. Little easier than travel in winter, only things is thick fog and big swell sometimes. Lots of time I did not have enough gasoline and I have to use the sais for in this summer. I have no gasoline of my own and I have to borrowed two cases gasoline from my friend Samuel and came down to Beechey Point, one hundred twenty miles from Barter Island. We had fog and big wind all way donw. In one place in one night in fog, we went outside the ice, there is noway to go inside. That was very gangerous travel and finally we found very narrow lead to go through, just about ten feet wide and we went in that way and touch both side and no way to go again and went in to far aand to the sand spit and our boat went right up on the sand and our wheel broke down and two of my boys were work on it all night and after they finished we tried to pull out and can't get out of low tide. We unload our boat but we cannot get off. We stay there all night and in next mroning we pulled and start again, but our small boat was sunk again the rope was off from our launch while we travel among ice. In that boat our meat was and we don't know where it sunk. We were Mind disappointed to lost the meat. We tried to hook the boat and we hook it up that was very good and we arrived to the people and have prayer meeting in our launch tonight. Our engines work only three cylinders. One cylinder got hole in it and have to fill it up with gummy sack and one of spring of magneto broke and Perry fix it up with piece of tank of iron and work aright. Whan we arrived to Beechey Point, the people are all well and we have two services on Sunday. All young people wdre singing fine and my planning was stay here this week.

That all now I said.

Cordially yours,

ANDREW AKOO TCHOOK

Barrow Alaska JUN 25 1946
June 6, 1946.

Barrow Alaska
4/14/46

This is the story of our travel from our place at Barter Island. We start 8 of May from Barter Island in the afternoon. It is a very warm day and the rivers from the mountains are run out to the ocean. All my family accompany us with four dog teams as far as Anderson Point is about 20 miles west of our place. We were slow because of deep snow. We got there at mid night and put the tent and light the colmen stove to make hot tea. It is cold and fog tonight. The boys cooked the dog feed by big fire, just few hours times. The dogs have to have good feed when traveling for long distance. On the next day, we are going pretty fast and we put up the sails to help the dogs along. There are five teams are start south. 3 of them go far to Beechey Point store to buy some food. When we travel and arrived to Long Island we had lunch and cook some caribou meat and drank some tea and after lunch we start again and we arrived to Brownlow Point in the night. We traveled 40 miles today that long run for dogs in heavy loads. My son I see and his wife are waiting for us there. My wife and I were very tired sitting on the sled. On the next day 10 of May. The south west wind is blowing fast. We did not go today because the boys want the dog food and they went out sealing and they caught seal. We had a prayer meeting this evening and they were eleven people. I preached from 1 Cor 13:1-13. On the next day we start on Saturday. It is a very warm day. We put the camp at Pale Island and the boys cooked the dog feed out doors. I was very tired and my bowels are not very well. We did not go today and we have two services this morning and this evening. My sermon was 1 Cor 13:1-13. There were 13 people. May 13, the north wind is blowing. We start this morning and we use sails on the sled, that great help for dogs. When the wind is getting stronger, the sail push the sled along fast and the dogs have to run to keep up with the sled. One of the sled broken up because the wind is too strong for it.

While the boys fix the sled up. we had a lunch of caribou meat and tea. We arrived to Beechey Point. this evening. We travel about forty miles. Abraham & I time run the stove there and he welcome as good. The boys cooked the dog feed because the dogs were tired. We read the Bible verses tonight. I was very tired and my bowels are not well.

May 14. Just before we start we have a service and my sermon Matt 7 chapter 7-14. There were 15 people there. We start this afternoon and there are other people about 5 miles from Beechey Point. After we ate there we had another service and I read in Rom 12 chapter and thirty four people attend the service and start again to other people is about 3 miles out to the sand spit and we camp there, so we can rest our dogs. The dogs have to have a rest for long again. The boys cooked the dog feed. On the next day May 15, we did not go because our dogs were very tired. For the next travel, we have to cross the Harrison Bay 50 miles across, no land. We had a prayer meeting this noon and my sermon Matt 7: 15-29. There are 24 people and we had another service this evening. And our sermon was Matt 17: 1-13 verses. There were 22 people this evening. My son Roy and Donald caught one seal today.

On the next day we start again with three dog teams. We are travels 7 hours and put the camp on the ice. We have only tin calico for our mattresses and deer skin on top to keep us from get wet. We use Coleman stove to cook with. The boys cooked the dog feed. It is too cold to sleep on the ice, but we 5 skins people get use to it. It don't bother us any. I use to sleep in the snow house lot of time. We are staying on where the polar bears country and I put my rifle handy in case may the polar bear come any time.

May 17. It is a cloudy and snowing. It is kind hard going and very warm day. We saw three seals are lying on the ice and my son Isaac are crawling to the seal and he killed. We were very thankful to have dog feed again. After long run, we put the camp on the ice again, because no land. We have to travel by snow drifted because we have no compass. I could tell by drifted snow because I had been travel across the Harrison Bay quite many

June 6, 1946

time in winter and summer.

I am sounding with the Hammer through the seal hole and it was six fathoms and then I know exactly how far we were out. I use to travel with my boat three fathoms across.

May 18. It is a clear but blowing from north wind. After we ate breakfast, we start again and we put up the sails. We were traveling fast and sometimes our dogs did not pull when the wind is getting stronger. We are traveling eleven hours, because we wanted to get to the people tonight so we can have Sunday there. And there are two families. They welcome us very good and gave us some seal meat for our dogs.

My wife and I were very tired in brough places. Sunday May 19. We had a morning and my sermon was Col 3 chapters. The people are listening to the word of God. because they never listen the word of God for long time. They are using the translation when they have prayer meeting. There were 24 people. Our sermon tonight was Matt 7:11-24. We are reading the Bible verses tonight. On the Monday May 20. We start again and we arrived to one family at Cape Simson and I read Bible verses to them. We put the camp there.

Isaac killed one seal right close to the beach. The boys cooked the dog feed. When the dogs have good feed at night they are always ready to pull in next day. When they don't eat, they can't pull hard just like the engine without oil can't run.

May 21. The north wind is blowing hard, that for us again to have sails. We were traveling fast and we put the camp at Katchiksook and we know that we will get to the village at Barrow on the next day. My wife cook doughnuts for supper tonight. On the next day May 22. We start again and we are using the sails again and we arrived to Barrow just before prayer meeting and we attended church this evening. We were very glad to see each others again. I was very to see Mr Samuel and his wife and son David. They invite us to their home on the next day.

Barrow Alaska.

June 7, 1946.

Dear Rev J. Earl Jackman: JUN 25 1946

I am sending
my report of my and the strong
of our traveled down here
from Barter Island.
We were coming down in
fifteen days. We stop to
every villages we meet and
preach to them and I like my
preach to the people.
We camp down here to be
examine by doctor, but doctor
is not here yet. Yesterday, he
wired up that he will be up at
any day. My boys start back
already and they will have
plenty water and soft snow on
the way home. As soon the
water comes, they will come
down after us.
I had been told the native store
boats will go up to supply the
food to the Barter Island
store this summer. but the
freighter come here late in

the fall.

I am closing my letter now

Sincerely Yours
Andrew Chickbrook.

Barrow Alaska
Aug 30, 1946.
Rev J. Earl Jackman
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, 10. N.Y.
Dear Rev Jackman: I was very glad to
your letter again, that was written in Aug 2.
And I am writing again to you.
We are still at Barrow waiting for doctor
and the ship. My family came with our
launch. The native stole boats towed them
down, because our old engine was broke
down. The new engine are coming on
the North Star and as soon the ship get
here, we will put the engine.
My wife and I have hard time to lost
our youngest son 10 year old. He was got
killed by other boy by accident with
the rifle. Our little boy was staying
with his brothers up east while we are
down here. We were crying for him, but
we can not take him back, and we know
we will go to him in some day.
We were thanking for our friends are
comforting us to be happy.
We ~~are~~ very anxious to go back now
and still I want to see doctor come
Maybe he is coming on the ship.
Even though I am down here I preach
to the people in church sometimes, when
Rev Samuel Lee want me to preach.
There are some men opposing the Sabbath
and they are working on Sunday at the
navy and we have session meeting at the

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manse about it. Two of the elders are working
at the camp. There are some ^{young} people are
getting careless about church work.

We need prayers to help us to be faithful
for our church at Barrow.

We have a very minister M. Lee. He is
preaching very good in church.

He is also teaching choir to sing
in the church.

I am very glad that you got those two
foxskins that we sent to you.

I am still trying hard to lead the
people to Christ. There are few death lately
here at Barrow.

I am very glad when you give good
advice and I like my work for Christ.
Pray much for me and my family.

Sincerely yours

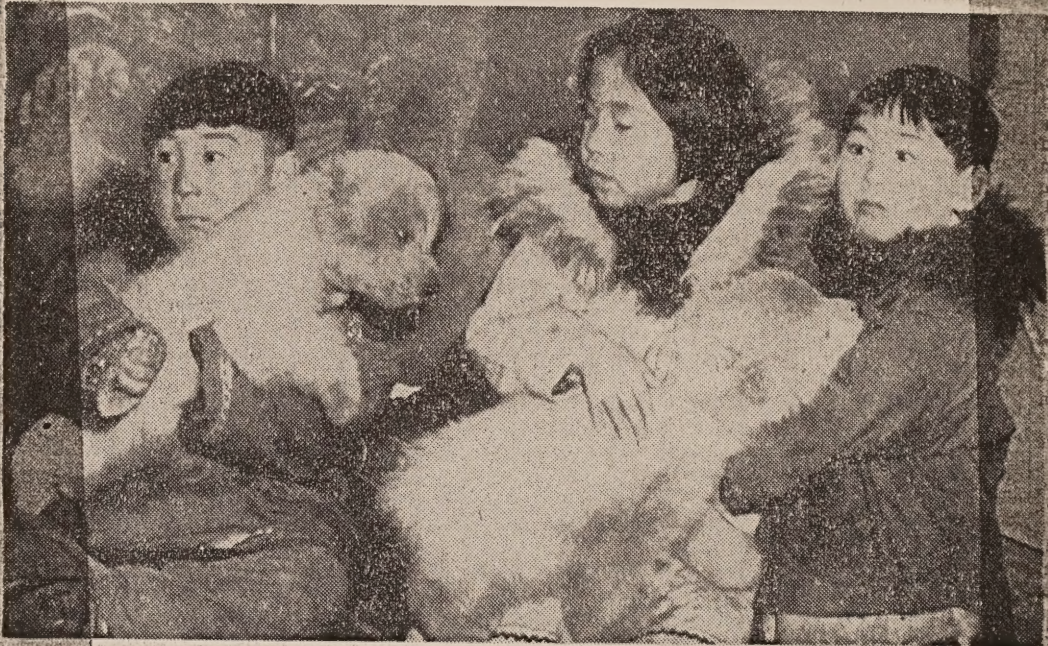
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NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE

No Need for Teddy Bears for These Children in Alaska



Associated Press wirephoto
These polar bear cubs will be flown soon to Detroit zoo from their home on Barter Island. Children of Benny Akootchook, who owns the bears, aren't happy about losing their live toys

D.K.J.

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Are these Mr. Andrew Akootchook's
(Barter Id lay-rooker) grandchildren?
Thought son, Benny, was killed in
accident in 1946?

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ANDREW AKOOTCHOOK

A Tribute by Rusty Heurlin

(Andrew Akootchook was a native Eskimo of Barrow. He was trained by Dr. Henry Greist and ordained an Elder in the Barrow Church. He was appointed by the Board of National Missions as a part-time itinerant lay worker to the Eskimos along the Arctic Coast east of Barrow to Demarcation Point at the Canadian border. He made his headquarters at Barter Island where about 50 or 60 Eskimos resided. He had been licensed by the Presbytery and there was a proposal that he be ordained but this was never done. He was killed in a hunting accident on January 26, 1951.)

"Andrew Akootchook is gone ... Big Andrew, the Eskimo lay-missionary of windy Barter Island. Warm tears have fallen in the silent igloos. The entire Arctic Slope mourns his sudden and tragic departure. He was a good man -- honest, thoughtful and sincere, humble and sacrificing.

"Andrew's strong, sun-darkened features, patterned against the Arctic white, showed the strength of generations before him -- the hardest of all primitives. Stolid in appearance yet gentle within, he lived by the Golden Rule. 'Our people were always good people,' he said, 'but we are thankful for the great wisdom and goodness of others.' Then out came the worn Bible he cherished --tucked snugly beneath his left arm.

"He leaned slightly forward when standing. Nature had caused this from facing a lifetime of stiff Arctic winds. During the span of his sixty odd years he had crawled out of his semi-primitive darkness to see the light of a new era for his people. He learned to read and write the English Language; how to build boats, better sleds and homes with high doorways. He tutored his children; taught them to honor and obey the Ten Commandments. Seriously he delved into his religion to hold Bible classes for the islanders every night. He leaned ever forward -- toward his great desire -- that of being ordained. It was to have taken place on Easter.

"Andrew had seen much happiness in his life, then came the evil day ... and troublesome happenings beset him with deep worry over the future existence of his people. 'It was the only trouble we have ever had in our long living at Barter Island,' said he while here but a few days ago. Strict game laws had been imposed upon him and his people. 'Our aboriginal rights have been taken away from us,' he sighed. 'But maybe some day the warden will see things our way, for hunger knows no law in the Arctic.'

"Andrew faced all issues confronting his people. His clear thinking and fair judgment was law east of Barrow. Strongly fortified in his beliefs he lived as he preached, never seeking to escape any duty or sacrifice before him. With keen vision he saw the many needs of the Eskimos -- schools, good teachers and better, all-around facilities of living. 'We do not want to be looked down on. We want to be respected. We are honest people that want to go ahead. Our children must know more than we know when they get to be our age. That is progress.'

"From Barter to Barrow, from Wainwright to Point Hope -- all knew Andrew Akootchook. As the winds moan over the white immensity of his domain, his broken trail will not be obliterated. It is there for someone else to follow -- clearly blazed with a cross."

